

# THE TRAIL RIDER



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## This is "The Trail Rider"?

'Tis a bit different, huh? . . . and I might add . . . all for the better. All of us here at **THE TRAIL RIDER** are mighty proud of our new newsletter. We owe our new look to Colorado, who along with his computer, has perked up the beginning of our fifth year reporting the events of "The Trail Riders of the West." So, let's get to reading the news and enjoying this issue of **THE TRAIL RIDER**.

## A Wonderful Santa Story

As told to me by Hondo: "We were all around the Christmas tree enjoying Christmas morning and unwrapping all the presents. Tyrel was really going at it and shouting with glee as he opened one toy present after another. Then he opened a box containing a flannel shirt and started yelling, 'No! No!,' as he tried to rewrap it." Ahh, that's a fun moment Hondo, and thanks for permitting me to share it in **THE TRAIL RIDER**.



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### Tyrel Wouldn't Rewrap These Presents

I look forward to all the Trail Rider activities and get together, but none more than our annual Christmas party . . . and I am not the only one. As Santa, Durango brought in nine rather large brightly wrapped boxes and placed them under the tree. After all the gift exchanges were passed out and unwrapped, Durango's precisely labeled boxes were handed out and as each was unwrapped, gasps of wonder filled the room. Durango had made individual chuck wagons for each of his fellow Trail Riders! Each of the chuck wagons is in a different color and with matching horses harnessed in front in complete detail. The wagons are in complete detail too, from a dog up on the front seat, to a water barrel on the side, a hanging lantern on the back, sacks of sugar and flour in the back boot, to each Trail Rider's name printed on the wagon's canvas. And every wagon came complete with each Trail Rider having his own custom branding iron. They are treasures and are treasured! Yep, Tyrel wouldn't rewrap these presents! He would be doing what all of the Trail Riders are doing . . . displaying them with great pride.

*WOW! Thanks for sharing your talent with me Durango! -Buck*

## Trail Writing with Hondo



*December 23rd the Trail Riders of the West held their annual Christmas party and gift exchange at the Big House on the Marr Ranch. There was grub and other fixins aplenty, more than any hungry Trail Rider could eat.*

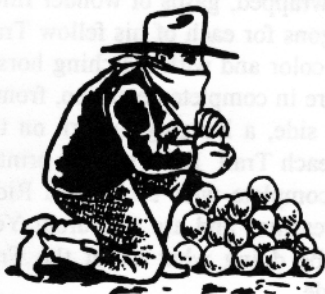
*It was a mite chilly, inside and out, and Roper had a fire blazing on the hearth to keep our Trail Rider backsides warm and toasty.*

*Wranglers Jason and Tyrel had a great time riding Brahma Bull and Wonder Horse Koko with wagon loads of toys to fill out their evening. This was wrangler Garrett's first Christmas party and there were plenty of helping hands, thank you Lady Trail Riders.*

*Durango stole the show with his presentation of a fully outfitted and beautifully crafted chuck wagon for each Trail Rider. The evening closed with a special Roy Rogers movie, also furnished by Durango. A great time was had by one and all.*

*Looking forward to a great time next Christmas.*

*Hondo*



*Thanks for the fully outfitted, beautifully crafted chuck wagon, Durango! -Hondo*

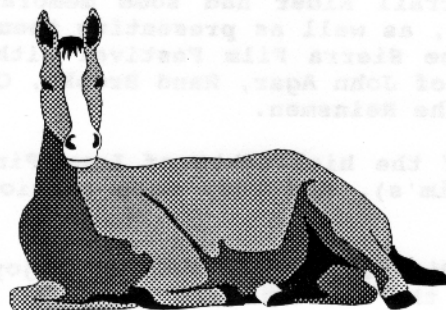
### Unannounced

Thanks to Buck's "good" memory, the officers of the Trail Riders for 1993 were not announced at the Trail Riders 4th Annual Christmas Party. But **THE TRAIL RIDER** is not going to have the brave officers of 1993 go unannounced, so here they are:

- Foreman ..... Buck
- Station Agent..... Hondo
- Lead Wrangler ..... Stoney
- Historian ..... Durango
- Editor-in-Chief ..... Buck
- Trail Boss..... Durango
- Clerk..... Colorado
- Ramrod ..... Durango

### Howdy Wranglers!

During the month of December, the Trail Riders welcomed Wranglers Curt Pierson and Tom Ratican as they attended several Wednesday night meetings. I believe Wranglers Curt and Tom enjoyed the meetings as much as all the Trail Riders enjoyed having them. We are looking forward to further visits and perhaps havng them become fellow Trail Riders.



*Thank you for the chuck wagon, Durango! -Brahma*

### January and February Trail Rider Events

- JANUARY 06 - Surprise business meeting at Roper's MARR-velous ranch
- 13 - Unsheduled rain-out at Roper's MARR-velous ranch
- 15 - Trail Drive to the Hollywood Collector's Show
- 20 - Scheduled meeting at Roper's MARR-velous ranch
- 20 - January's Dues are payable
- 27 - Scheduled meeting at Roper's MARR-velous ranch
- FEBRUARY 03 - Scheduled meeting at Roper's MARR-velous ranch
- 10 - Scheduled meeting at Roper's MARR-velous ranch
- 17 - Scheduled meeting at Roper's MARR-velous ranch
- 17 - February's dues are payable
- 17 - February's Recycling Drive Collection
- 24 - Scheduled meeting at Roper's MARR-velous ranch

No movies for January's or February's meetings have been announced as of this printing of **THE TRAIL RIDER**. However, beginning with the January 20th meeting, Mr. Harry Carey Sr's fifteen-chapter serial, *The Last of the Mohicans*, is being shown (the 6th was an all-business night and the 13th was rained out). Sure looking forward to watching Mr. Carey defeat those "evil" Huron Indians from Michigan. Yea!

*Hey, Durango, thanks a lot for the swell chuck wagon! -Roper*

## THE TUMBLEWEED EXPRESS

Howdy Pard,

Well, 1992 is now history and the trails ridden were, for the most part, sunny and eventful.

The Trail Riders had good meetings, enjoyed fellowship, and put on some new wranglers.

This Trail Rider had some memorable occasions; visiting with Eddie Dean and Richard Webb, as well as presenting them with honorary Trail Rider Plaques. Attended the Lone Pine Sierra Film Festival with fellow riders. At the festival, took some nice photos of John Agar, Rand Brooks, Clayton Moore, Pierce and Hazel Lyden, and Rex Allen with the Reinsmen.

One of the highlights of Lone Pine was to meet and talk with the Holt Family (Jack and Tim's), and they were gracious enough to autograph several items for my collection.

Lone Pine is always such an enjoyable weekend and Dave Holland and the staff that put on the festival are always so gracious as well as the people of Lone Pine; not to mention the beautiful country.

I also met and had a nice visit with Roger Crowley, editor and publisher of "The Westerner" magazine, and Neil Sommers. They were sharing a table together. Roger and I talked about story writing and he asked that I might consider submitting a story sometime. Neil and I talked at length about Corriganville Movie Ranch and ways to raise funds for its restoration. When I offered to pay for it, he said I couldn't afford it so it was free. Thanks again, Neil.

It's always nice to see Dale and Laura Park at events and we sure did have a great palaver time at Lone Pine. Dale wasn't displaying his art work this year, much to my disappointment; Dale is a fine artist. It was a great surprise to me but I count it one of my prized possessions. Dale and Laura are also involved in Christian Ministry; Have Faith in God, Inc. Anyone wanting more information on this ministry can write to: Dale Park, Have Faith in God, 527 No. Azusa Avenue #180, Covina, Calif. 91722.

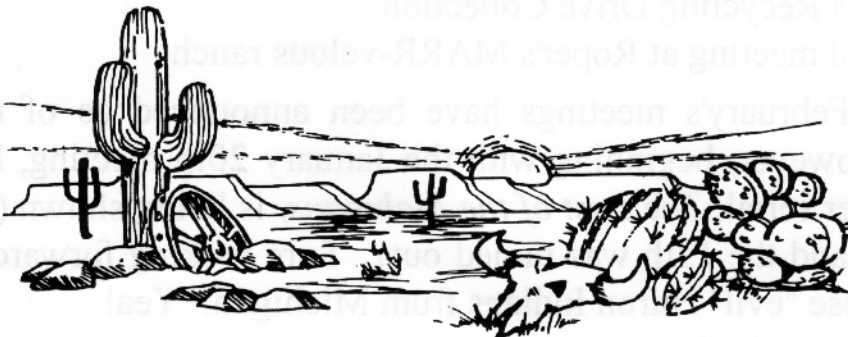
I have to mention what Durango did for all The Trail Riders at Christmas time. He put together from kits, chuck wagons and added his own touch to them. A mighty handsome gift, Durango, and mine sits right by my Stetson sign.

In 1993, I hope The Trail Riders can be involved with fundraisers for Corriganville. The movie ranch needs to be in the rebuilding mode.

We now have a new president and vice president, and they surely will need our prayers and support.

Hasta Luego, amigos,

*Stoney*



Thanks for the mighty handsome gift, Durango. Mine sits right by my Stetson sign! -Stoney

## 'Tis Working Great

January first marks the end of the first month of holding each week's Trail Rider meeting up at Roper's MARR-velous ranch and it is working out just great. Everyone is chipping in on the cleanup, Roper is getting help with the refreshments, and there is no over crowding or a bad seat in the house to view each meeting's serial chapter and movie. 'Tis just great and all hats are off in thanks to Roper and Miss Nancy for hosting each week's Trail Rider meeting. Ahh, wonder if they are enjoying it as much as the rest of us . . . hope so!

*I prize the chuck wagon you made for me Durango. Thank you very much. -Montana*



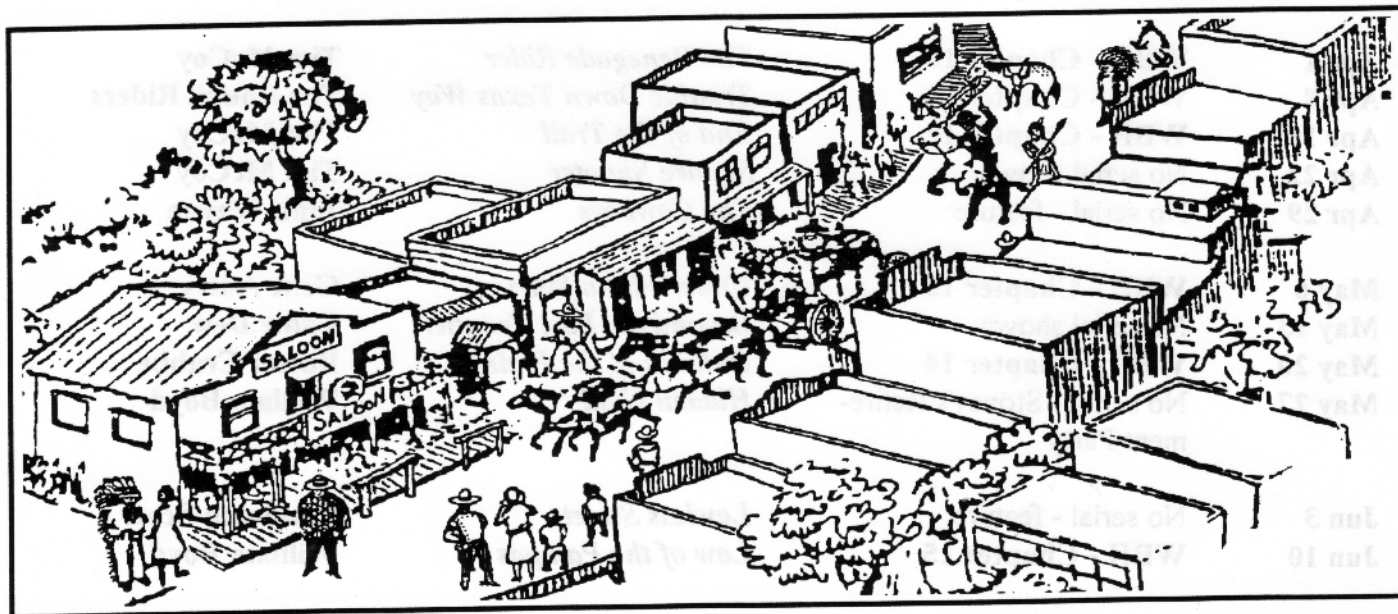
## More Time for Movies and Serials

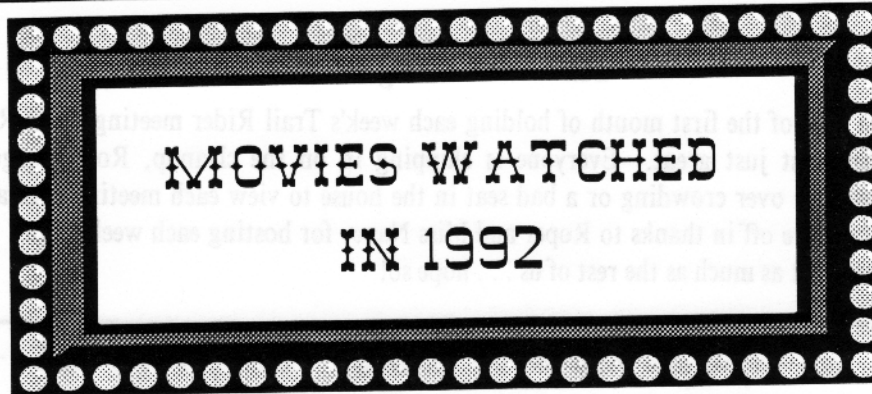
During 1992, nine times a serial chapter was not shown due to extended business meetings. So, at the December 16th meeting, the board members approved a motion to establish a Board of Directors to meet and scale down weekly business sessions. The Board will meet the third Thursday of each month when business facing the Trail Riders warrants. The members of the Board of Directors for 1993 are Buck, Hondo, Stoney, Durango, and Colorado.

*I look at my new chuck wagon and I smile. Thanks, Durango! - Dusty (Drover)*

## A Special Night

The Trail Rider meeting on December 19th was a special one as Wrangler Tim Ratican visited the meeting with a home movie he filmed at the old Corriganville Movie Ranch in the late '50s. The twelve minute film captured Silver Town's main street and several of the stunt shows with Trail Rider Dusty (Drover) in action. And - and - all was in color! Thanks for sharing your treasure with us Tom!





**MOVIES WATCHED  
IN 1992**

In 1992, Trail Riders watched 30 serials, 44 Saturday matinee movies, 3 "A" feature Westerns, and 3 special features.  
'Twas a good year at the movies!

DAY	SERIAL	MOVIE	STAR
Jan 8	No serial shown	<i>Gun Packer</i>	Jack Randall
Jan 15	<i>Bill Elliott's Wild Bill</i> <i>Hickock (WBH) Chapter 1</i>	<i>Drifting Along</i>	Johnny Mack Brown
Jan 22	No serial shown	<i>Song of Texas</i>	Roy Rogers
Jan 29	WBH - Chapter 2	<i>Riders of Destiny</i>	John Wayne
Feb 5	WBH - Chapter 3	<i>Gun Law</i>	Jack Hoxie
Feb 12	No meeting - rain storm		
Feb 19	WBH - Chapter 4	<i>Last Frontier Uprising</i>	Monte Hale
Feb 25	WBH - Chapter 5	No film shown	
Mar 4	WBH - Chapter 6	<i>Lawless Frontier</i>	John Wayne
Mar 11	WBH - Chapter 7	<i>Lumberjack</i>	William Boyd
Mar 18	WBH - Chapter 8	<i>Rim of the Canyon</i>	Gene Autry
Mar 25	WBH - Chapter 9	<i>Trouble in Texas</i>	Tex Ritter
Apr 1	WBH - Chapter 10	<i>The Renegade Rider</i>	Tim McCoy
Apr 8	WBH - Chapter 11	<i>Trouble Down Texas Way</i>	The Rough Riders
Apr 15	WBH - Chapter 12	<i>End of the Trail</i>	Tim McCoy
Apr 22	No serial shown	<i>Square Shooter</i>	Tim McCoy
Apr 29	No serial - feature:	<i>The Cowboys</i>	John Wayne
May 6	WBH - Chapter 13	<i>Under Fiesta Stars</i>	Gene Autry
May 13	No serial shown	<i>Beyond the Last Frontier</i>	Eddie Dew
May 20	WBH - Chapter 14	<i>Outlaws of the Plains</i>	Buster Crabbe
May 27	No serial - Stoney's Retirement Party	<i>Hidden Gold</i>	William Boyd
Jun 3	No serial - feature:	<i>Lawless Street</i>	Randolph Scott
Jun 10	WBH - Chapter 15	<i>Law of the Pampas</i>	William Boyd

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Jun 17	Nothing viewed as everybody got to talkin'		
Jun 24	No serial shown	<i>My Pal the King</i>	Tom Mix
Jul 1	<b>Jock Mahoney's <i>Gunfighters of the Northwest</i> (GFN) - Chapter 1</b>	<i>The Utah Kid</i>	The Trail Blazers
Jul 8	GFN - Chapter 2	<i>The Roaming Cowboy</i>	Fred Scott
Jul 15	GFN - Chapter 3	<i>Heart of the Golden West</i>	Roy Rogers
Jul 22	GFN - Chapter 4	<i>Snake River Desperadoes</i>	Charles Starrett
Jul 29	No serial - feature:	<i>Wichita</i>	Joel McCrea
Aug 5	No serial shown	<i>Phantom Cowboy</i>	Don "Red" Barry
Aug 12	No serial shown	<i>Riders of the Whistling Pines</i>	Gene Autry
Aug 19	No serial shown	<i>Range Defenders</i>	The Tree Mesquiteers
Aug 26	GFN - Chapter 5	<i>Cowboy Star</i>	Charles Starrett
Sep 2	GFN - Chapter 6	<i>Romance of the West</i>	Eddie Dean
Sep 9	GFN - Chapter 7	<i>Rustlers</i>	Tim Holt
Sep 16	No serial - Texas Red's Birthday Party	<i>Road Agent</i>	Dick Foran
Sep 23	GFN - Chapter 8	<i>The Lone Prairie</i>	Russell Hayden
Sep 30	No serial - feature:	<i>Winchester '73</i>	James Stewart
Oct 7	No serial - J.D.'s Birthday Party	<i>Robbers of the Range</i>	Tim Holt
Oct 14	GFN - Chapter 9	<i>Pals of the Range</i>	The Three Mesquiteers
Oct 21	GFN - Chapter 10	<i>Strange Gamble</i>	William Boyd
Oct 28	GFN - Chapter 11	<i>Man Trailer</i>	Buck Jones
Nov 4	GFN - Chapter 12	<i>Outlaw Gold</i>	Johnny Mack Brown
Nov 11	GFN - Chapter 13	<i>Nevada City</i>	Roy Rogers
Nov 18	GFN - Chapter 14	<i>Ranger's Revenge</i>	Bob Allen
Nov 25	No serial - two special silent features shown:	<i>The Great Train Robbery</i>	Bronco Billy Anderson
		<i>Fighting Stallion</i>	Yakima Canutt
Dec 2	No serial shown	<i>Lawless Range</i>	John Wayne
Dec 9	GFN - Chapter 15	<i>Denver Kid</i>	Allan "Rocky" Lane
Dec 16	No serial - special Corriganville home movie shown instead	<i>Riders of the Rio Grande</i>	The Three Mesquiteers
Dec 23	No serial - Trail Riders 4th Annual Christmas Party	<i>AMC's Salute to Roy Rogers</i>	Roy Rogers
Dec 30	No meeting due to the year-end holidays		

Since the Trail Riders started to log which films and serials were watched, 8 full serials have been viewed along with 125 Saturday matinee Westerns and 14 "A" feature Westerns. Imagine the numbers, if the log went back to June 1986. There would be almost as many films in which Mr. Terry Frost appeared. WOW!

## ANNOUNCED!

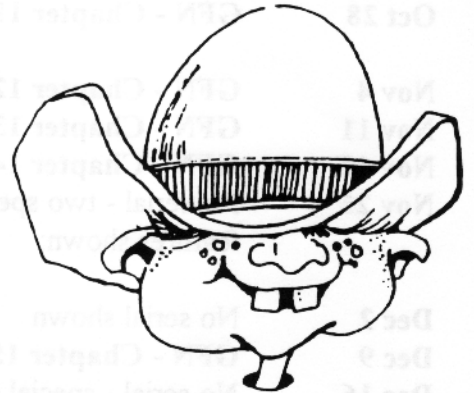


The new "Trail Rider of the Year Award Program" was unveiled at the Trail Riders' "4th Annual Christmas Party," and Buck proudly announced that Mr. Eddie Dean has permitted the Trail Riders to use his name and likeness in the program's "Eddie Dean Award." The recipient for the 1993 award will be announced at the "5th Annual Christmas Party." The award will be made based on points earned through a schedule of involvement in the Trail Riders and Tournament achievements. Needless to say, the competitive race is on, but if the award were to be decided upon today, Durango would be chosen the 1993 recipient, hands down! I truly believe this program to be the most exciting addition in the Trail Riders experience. I congratulate Hondo and Dusty for providing the program, and J.D. and Stoney for setting up the point award system. A job well done Trail Riders, and I wouldn't be a bit surprised if there is a "Tip of the White Hat" in this issue of **THE TRAIL RIDER**.

*Look at this! Look at this! Great job, Durango! Thanks for the chuck wagon! -J.D.*

## Business Discussed at December's Meetings

- 12/05 Christmas cards signed and "4th Annual Christmas Party" set to be held on December 23rd at Roper's MARR-velous ranch. Former Wrangler Dick was welcomed as "Colorado," an Active Member of "The Trail Riders of the West." 1993 standing committees for the recycling program and museum display were appointed, with Hondo and Durango heading the committees.
- 12/09 Buffet for the Christmas party was set, a Board of Directors was set for 1993, and Durango was elected as the Tally Keeper for "The Eddie Dean Award."
- 12/16 Honorary Member number 9 of the Trail Riders was selected.
- 12/23 No meeting held because of the "4th Annual Christmas Party."
- 12/30 No meeting held because of the end-of-year holidays.



*I wrote Santa and asked for a Durango chuck wagon for Christmas 1993. -Colorado*

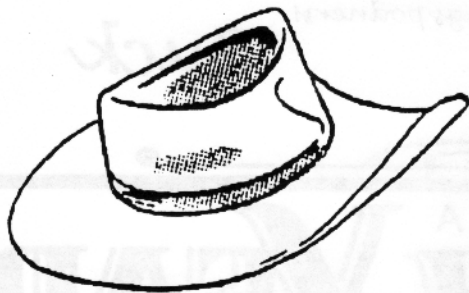


## Heard at December's Meetings

Hope you are dressed warm tonight, Trail Riders, 'cause it is COLD in here! . . . Chatter, chatter, you're not kidding Roper, BRRRR. . . . You're walkin' great, Hondo! . . . Do you know the three brothers? . . . All but the oldest one. . . . Who is that Indian? . . . That's Terry Frost! . . . Anyone for more popcorn? . . . Okay, you talked me into it. . . . Must you guys talk all through the movie? . . . Can you believe who said that? . . . Unbelievable! . . . Do you remember the horse "Pollo Bueno"? . . . Remember him? He could eat a brahma! . . . I got cut by a brahma once. . . . Did Durango move again? . . . What is Colorado's address? . . . Lost the mailing list form already, huh? . . . Yep! . . . Just like a guy from Michigan! . . . . .

*Words fail me, Durango! First the chuck wagon and then your hand-crafted statue of Hoppy. You're a wonder! Thanks good buddy. - Buck*

## December Tip of the White Hat

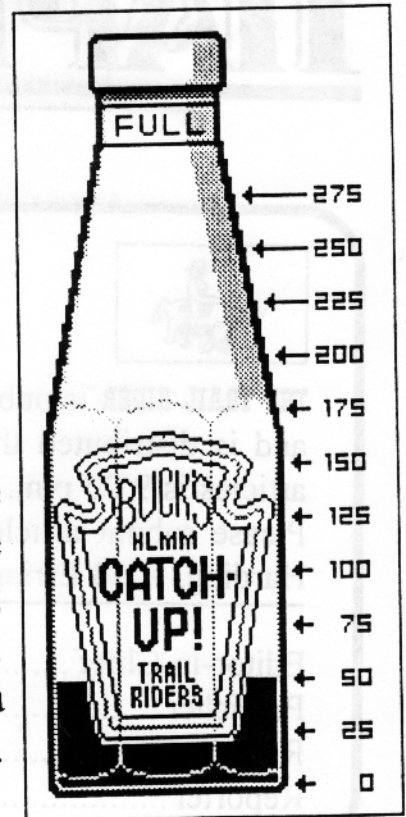


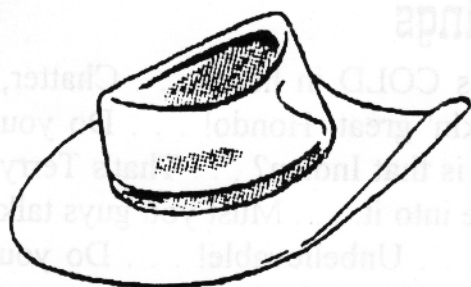
This month's "Tip of the White Hat" goes out to Durango for all the time, talent, and friendship that went into every chuck wagon he made for his fellow Trail Riders.

## WE'RE SHORT!

The displays at the temporary home of **THE HARRY LAUTER MEMORIAL MUSEUM (HLMM)** are really coming along, but we have more hand-made frames than glass to go in them. So, a vendor has been found to fill our needs and a fund drive has been set up to meet our current glass needs: The Glass Catch-up Fund Drive.

If you would like to help fill the "catch-up" bottle, please give your check to the Secretary/Treasurer of the **HLMM**, Jack Harding, at any Trail Rider meeting. Or, you may mail your contribution check to Jack R. Harding, 1053 Erringer Road, Simi Valley, California 93065. Please make your check payable to Jack R. Harding . . . and thanks!





## An Extra Tip of the White Hat

An extra "Tip of the White Hat" goes out this month to Hondo, Dusty, J.D., and Stoney for their work on the "Trail Rider of the Year Program" and "The Eddie Dean Award."

## Rounding-Up

Now, I have had fun being a Trail Rider in 1992, but none more than I enjoyed along with Miss Joyce at "The 4th Annual Christmas Party." What a wonderful night it was, with a delicious social dinner, memories recalled and toasted by Durango and Stoney, everyone having his or her picture taken by Miss Briggitti and Stoney, Durango handing out his terrific chuck wagons, and everybody sharing gifts through the drawn exchange. It was a night of being with friends you like to be with . . . and I've got another whole year to enjoy being with you. Looking forward to it. See ya at the meetings podners!

Buck

WISHING YOU AND YOURS A  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## The Trail Rider



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