

# THE TRAIL RIDER



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## Howdy Slick!

On January 27th, the Trail Riders welcomed Curt Pierson into the membership and he chose a family nickname of his uncle as his handle: "Slick." The Trail Riders extended an invitation to Curt several years ago to become a member but only just recently has he had his evenings free to do so. He worked the swing shift at the Van Nuys General Motors plant, which closed in October. At G.M. Curt led the quality inspection team with honors, and on his own time made beautiful custom jewelry for many proud customers of which are counted Miss Joyce and Buck--he made their wedding rings. Now retired from G.M., Curt pursues his movie hobby, fishing and hunting interests, and now watching Saturday matinee Westerns on Wednesday nights. Welcome to the Trail Riders Curt . . . er, Slick! Good to have you with us podner!

If you wish to write to good ol' Slick, his mailing address is: Curt Pierson, 1165 Gibson Avenue, Simi Valley, California 93065. You can call Slick at (805) 527-3661, and add a "howdy" to his wonderful wife Miss Marilyn, too!

**Two Hours!** On January 6th, the Trail Riders dedicated the entire meeting to ironing out minor details in the administration of the Trail Riders for 1993. Some items decided upon were: to set up an interest-bearing savings account for the club treasury; to establish a non-smoking ordinance at weekly business meetings and strictly a social club; and to not have the raisers. A lot of other positive decisions were become more and more efficient as year number the West." We'll keep you posted on all of the decisions in the pages of **THE TRAIL RIDER**.

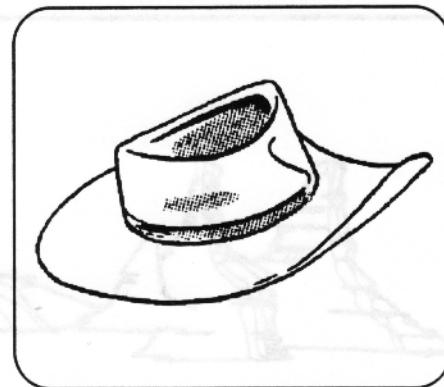


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### Tip of the White Hat

This month's Tip of the White Hat goes out to Colorado for the terr-riff-ic work he has done on **THE TRAIL RIDER** newsletter, and on the By-Laws and Standing Rules for the Trail Riders. Way to go Colorado!



## Trail Writing with Hondo



*The past several weeks have been a whirlwind of activities as a most opportunistic fork in the trail I have been riding appeared in my path and by the time this "Trail Writing" column appears in THE TRAIL RIDER, I will be living in Arizona!*

*All this began as my physical therapist announced that I was completely recovered from my October knee surgery and I could start my training to become an x-ray technician. Then my cousin in Scottsdale told me there were all kinds of medical positions open there. I mentioned that to my school counselor and he asked if I would like to be transferred there. Naturally I said yes, but that Brigitti still has to complete her program here. He said that she could be transferred too! Next thing I knew, my schooling and Brigitti's credits were approved by Arizona and here we are.*

*We have rented a beautiful two-bedroom, two-bath, all-utilities-paid, 1100-square-foot apartment, with 62-channel TV reception. That's 61 more than I have had and that was only when it was raining and the winds were right! All is different from the rustic life of living on the Marr Ranch. However, I feel that I will miss the Marr . . . and . . . I know that I will miss all my fellow Trail Riders. I truly have enjoyed all the trails we have been on and I know that our trails will cross again. I look forward to that. See ya then, Trail Riders!*

*Hondo*

### Thanks to Wrangler Gary

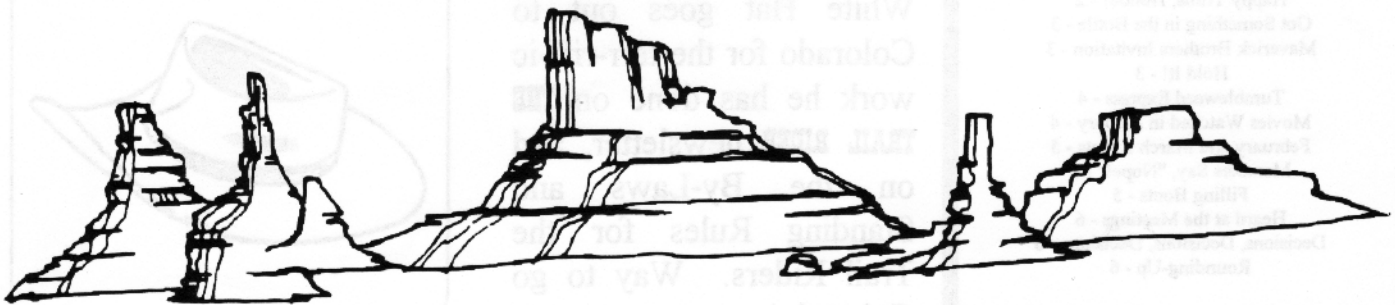
Durango was the lone Trail Rider to attend January's "Hollywood Collector's Show" and to meet the Trail Riders' good Wrangler Gary Hascall. Wrangler Gary has made many fine donations in the past of Harry Lauter memorabilia to our soon-to-be museum. This meeting with Durango was no exception as he brought two more beautiful

eight-color lobby cards for the museum. They are really something and we sure do thank ya much Wrangler Gary! Can't wait to show off all your contributions when our museum has a private opening this spring.

Incidentally, look for the glass catch-up bottle elsewhere in this issue. We need your help to fill it by that spring opening!

### Happy Trails, Hondo!

All the Trail Riders gathered at the January 20th meeting and wished Hondo the best of best wishes on his move to Arizona. We're sure goin' to miss him, but are happy for the new opportunities that have opened up to him, Miss Brigitti, Tyrel, and Garrett. Happy trails to all the Cannon family from all the Trail Riders!



## Got Something in the Catch-Up Bottle

Since our first mention of the "Glass Fund" in last month's issue of THE TRAIL RIDER, fifty dollars has been contributed and we thank Durango and Colorado for their fast checking account quick draw of twenty-five dollars apiece.

If you would like to add more to the bottle to help us get glass for the poster frames that will be hung in our museum, please send in a contribution. Make your check out to The Trail Riders and mail your contribution to Jack R. Harding, 1053 Erringer Road, Simi Valley, California 93065.

## Invitation from Maverick Brothers

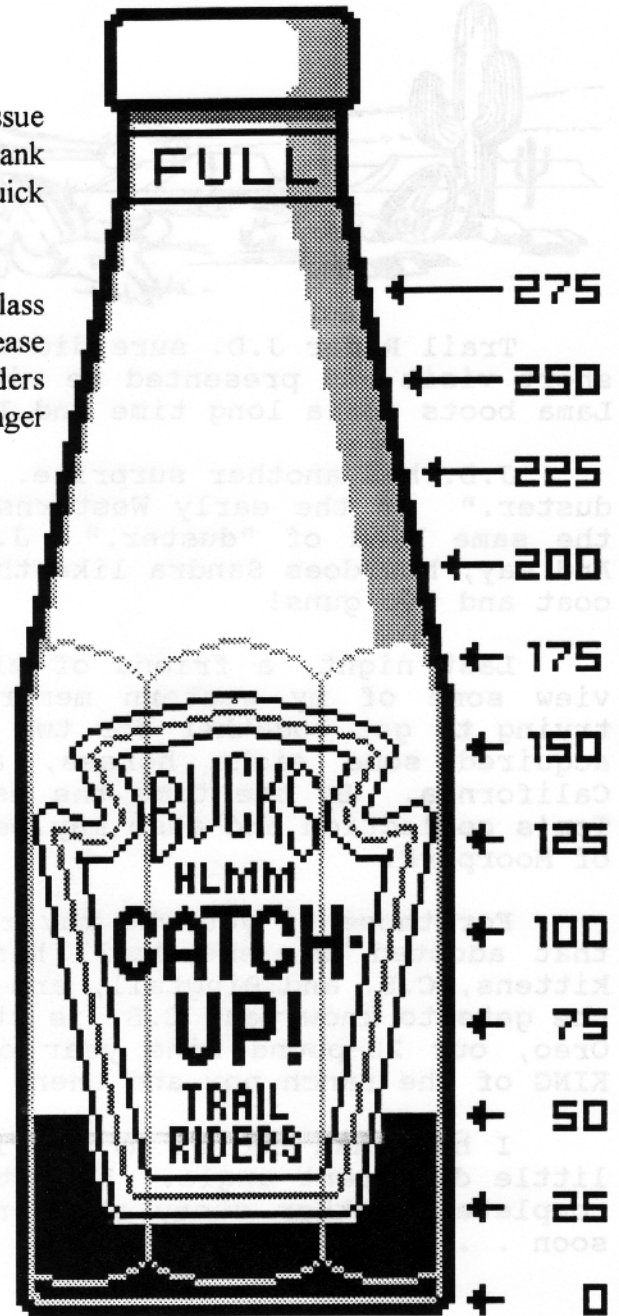
The Maverick Brothers Poker Club has extended an invitation to members of the Trail Riders to have some fun at their once-a-month get-togethers. The club plays just for the fun of it ("not for realies"), and meet on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to see what all the fun's about can get more information from Buck at a Trail Rider meeting.

## Bud Buster Says . . .

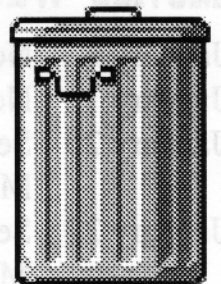


Speaking of the Maverick Brothers, nothing adds more to an evening of poker than good conversation. For those Trail Riders who wish to accept the Maverick Brothers Poker Club invitation, here's what Bud Buster says will help keep the evening's tack a movin' as conversation starters:

- ◆ Did you know in Spades, Indiana, it is illegal to open a can of food by shooting it with a revolver?
- ◆ Did you know the difference between "poultry" and "fowl" is that poultry is domesticated?
- ◆ Did you know 100 years ago male secretaries outnumbered female secretaries nine to one?
- ◆ Did you know when bats fly out of their caves in great numbers that they always spiral to the left?
- ◆ Did you know that historians say the United States is the first nation on Earth with a known birthday?
- ◆ Did you know that "Federal Express" was conceived in a Yale term paper and handled 18 packages on its first night of business?



Don't get rid of that! **HOLD IT!** Save it for the Trail Riders' Garage Sale in April. We need anything that is no longer of value to you but of value to someone else!



## The Tumbleweed Express

By Patrick Bousquet  
(Stoney)

Howdy Pard,

Time sure 'nuff ambles down the trail and it's time for another newsletter.

Trail Rider J.D. sure did surprise me the other night. He paid me a short visit and presented me with a Tony Lama jacket. I have worn Tony Lama boots for a long time and I don't mind advertising the boots.

J.D. had another surprise. It seems that he has acquired a "cookie duster." In the early Westerns, there was a teamster that always wore the same kind of "duster." J.D., did you get inspiration from this? And say, how does Sandra like the new look? All you need now is a frock coat and two guns!

Last night, a friend of mine was able to visit the line camp and view some of my western memorabilia--real and movie. We have been trying to get together for two months. Tom is building a new home, has acquired some eight horses, and has an antique shop in Moorpark, California. By the time the next newsletter appears, I will have seen Tom's collection and also may be a part of Tom's shop, The General Store of Moorpark.

For those of you who may remember Smokey, the half-wild female cat that adopted us, she still has some of her wildness; her two living kittens, C.B. and Ringtail, are still with us. Ringtail is a lover when she gets to know you; C.B. is still a crybaby but is getting friendlier. Oreo, our 20-pound nine year old cat likes to show the others who is KING of the ranch now and then.

I have had two of my stories returned asking for a rewrite from a little different angle. Hope to have these done shortly. I have just completed another story about movie cowboys and it will be on its way soon . . .

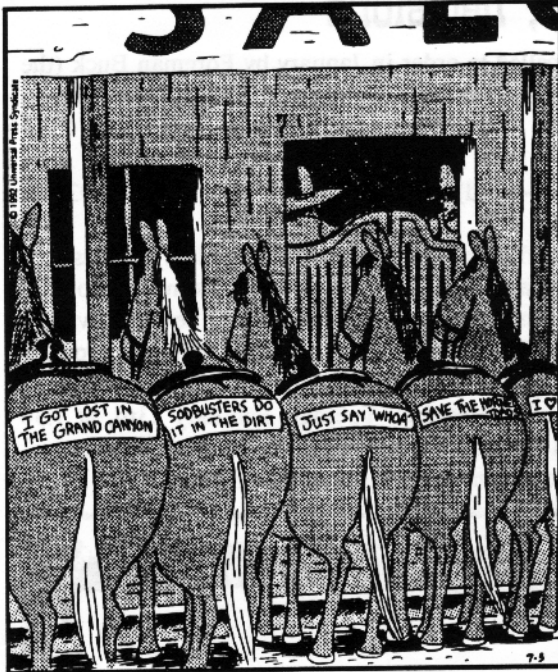
Hasta Luego

*Stoney*

## Movies Watched in January

- January 6 No movies; annual business meeting.  
 January 13 No meeting due to heavy rain storm.  
 January 20 Serial: *Last of the Mohicans*, Chapter 1, starring Harry Carey Sr.  
 Movie: *Man from Utah* starring John Wayne.  
 January 27 Serial: *The Indians are Coming*, Chapter 1, starring Colonel Tim McCoy.  
 Movie: *Bandit Kings of Texas* starring Alan "Rocky" Lane.





Common butt stickers of the Old West

## February and March Trail Rider Events

- February 24 Scheduled meeting at Roper's Marr-velous Ranch
- March 3 Scheduled meeting at Roper's Marr-velous Ranch
- March 9 Invitation to attend Maverick Brothers Poker Club
- March 10 Scheduled meeting at Roper's Marr-velous Ranch
- March 17 Scheduled meeting at Roper's Marr-velous Ranch
- March 17 March membership fees are due and payable
- March 17 March recycling drive collection
- March 23 Board of Directors meeting at Roper's Marr-velous Ranch
- March 24 Scheduled meeting at Roper's Marr-velous Ranch
- March 31 Scheduled meeting at Roper's Marr-velous Ranch, showing the first "A" feature Western for 1993

### Nope!

On January 20th, the Trail Riders finally settled down to enjoy a chapter of a good serial and a Saturday matinee Western. Buck brought in Harry Carey Sr's serial *The Last of the Mohicans* and John Wayne's *Man from Utah* to watch. Both the serial and the film are restored films. Beautiful prints and all agreed they deserved to be saved, but did not deserve the music sound track that was added to each and agreed to replace *The Last of the Mohicans* with another serial featuring Colonel Tim McCoy, *The Indians are Coming*.

'Tis a shame the restorers did not give better attention to what music they added to the two films, but it sure was fun seeing John Wayne sing once again. *Man from Utah* makes four films that the Trail Riders have watched "The Duke" sing in . . . fun.

### Filling Boots

With Hondo's move, several positions in the Trail Riders became vacant--but not for long, as Dusty, Roper, and Slick stepped right up to fill them. Dusty will now be the "Banker" for the Trail Riders, and Roper and Slick will handle the club's successful recycling program. Thanks for filling those boots, podners!



### Heard at the Meetings

Where's the popcorn? . . . Great cobbler Stoney! . . . What, no movie? . . . Howdy, Slick! . . . Happy trails, Hondo! . . . Who is that actor? . . . Don't know, didn't get a good look at him. . . . No! . . . Where's the popcorn? . . . You know, you can almost see the TV from back here. . . . Through all this smoke? . . . Sure glad Hondo isn't moving back to Michigan. . . . Sure glad I'm not moving to Ohio. That would be worse! . . . Not worse than not getting to watch a movie or enjoying some popcorn. . . . Have a donut. . . . Ok, who ate the center?

### Decisions, Decisions, Decisions

Meetings 280, 281, and 282 were called to order in January by Foreman Buck (the January 13th meeting was rained out). Here is a synopsis of the major items upon which the Trail Riders agreed:

- It was voted to do live (or video-taped) skits, or a small play at the 1993 4th Annual Christmas Party.
- It was voted to temporarily earmark recycling funds for poster-glass purchases.
- Standing Rules were revised to have social time at meetings from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., followed by a maximum of 30 minutes for a business meeting before movies.
- It was voted that no smoking be allowed in the "theatre" or the "meeting" room.
- It was voted that supplemental refreshments be brought by member volunteers.
- A Board of Directors meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 23rd, at 7:30 p.m. Trail Rider Roper volunteered the Marr-velous Ranch for the meeting site.
- Each officer is to write up a description of the duties of his office.

### Rounding-Up

*January was quite a busy month . . . one of changes . . . and I still have not gotten over showing off our club's newsletter that Colorado has pressed up and given some class. 'Twas sad to learn of Hondo's move to Arizona, but membership never stays steady in any club. Sure wish him well and welcome Slick to the club. Want to thank Slick and Roper for taking over Hondo's recycling duties and thank Dusty for taking over Hondo's Banker responsibilities. The Trail Riders keep riding along and adding fun. See ya at the meetings, Trail Riders! Don't forget to start saving stuff for our annual Garage Sale in April.*

**Buck**



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