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Howdy Trail Rider! Howdy Cowboy!

Those were the shouts around the meeting table March 31st as Wrangler Tom Ratican became the 13th member of "The Trail Riders of the West" . . . and I believe . . . lucky 13 for the Trail Riders as Tom, er, "Cowboy," brings a lot of talent into the club as an actor, scriptwriter, member of the Stuntman's Hall of Fame, and documentary film maker. All that makes him unique, huh? But there's something else, he is a native of Los Angeles! He has to be one of only a dozen or so people I have met in my 24 years living here in the L.A. area that is a native that has grey hair! 'Taint many of them hombres around, you know, and we sure are glad this hombre is "Cowboy" in "The Trail Riders of the West." If you would like to write to Cowboy and Miss Naomi and welcome them to the Trail Riders, their address is: Mr. and Mrs Tom "Cowboy" Ratican, 5096 Alta Street, Simi Valley, California, 93065.



Recycle!

Trail Riders Roper and Slick recently filled up the old "Cowboy Cadillac" with all the empty soda cans and bottles that had been collected and headed to the recycling center, and added a whopping \$88 to the club treasury. Wow! This brings the total received through our recycling drive to \$233! Way to go Trail Riders! Boy, we drink a lot of soda, huh? Wonder how many "Mountain Dew" cans were in that \$88 total? Any idea Slick? Hmmm.....

New With This Issue

Each month from now on THE TRAIL RIDER and "The Trail Riders of the West" will salute the birthday of one of our reel riders on our newly established cover page. The club will also celebrate those birthdays of Trail Riders that happen during the month. The club's first birthday cake will be enjoyed on May 5th as the Trail Riders sing May's Happy Birthdays to John Wayne (26th), Hondo (3rd), Buck (25th), Stoney (30th), and Trail Rider 7-1/2 Doris Lauter (30th). Boy, is that going to take a lot of candles. A quick rough count comes to over 225 candles! Wow! Have a fire extinguisher handy Roper! Happy Birthday to ya all, Trail Riders! and many more.

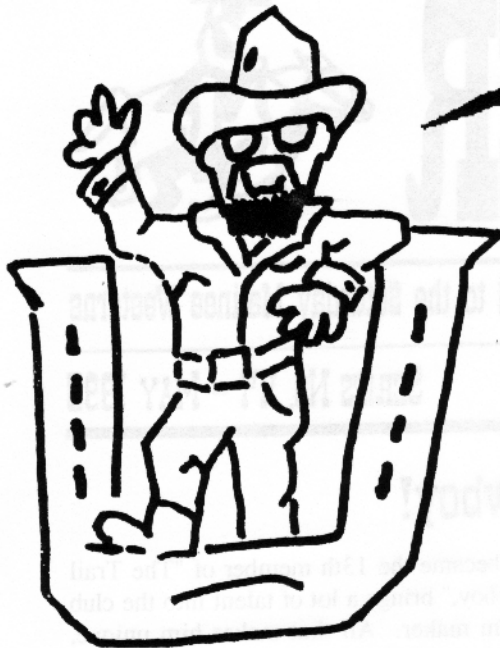
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Further Adventures of Little Wrangler Tyrell via Rose's Pasquel



A sad note: I've run out of Pasquel's Western adventures and this might be the last one shared in THE TRAIL RIDER. Dag-gum-it!



*Howdy, Trail Riders!
Come and have a grand old time!*

**SECOND ANNUAL
LEE "DUKE" BARKER'S
RED RIVER D
HORSHOE
TOURNAMENT**

**Sunday, May 2, 1993
1:00 p.m. TO ??:00 p.m.
"Barnside Spread"
MARR Ranch**

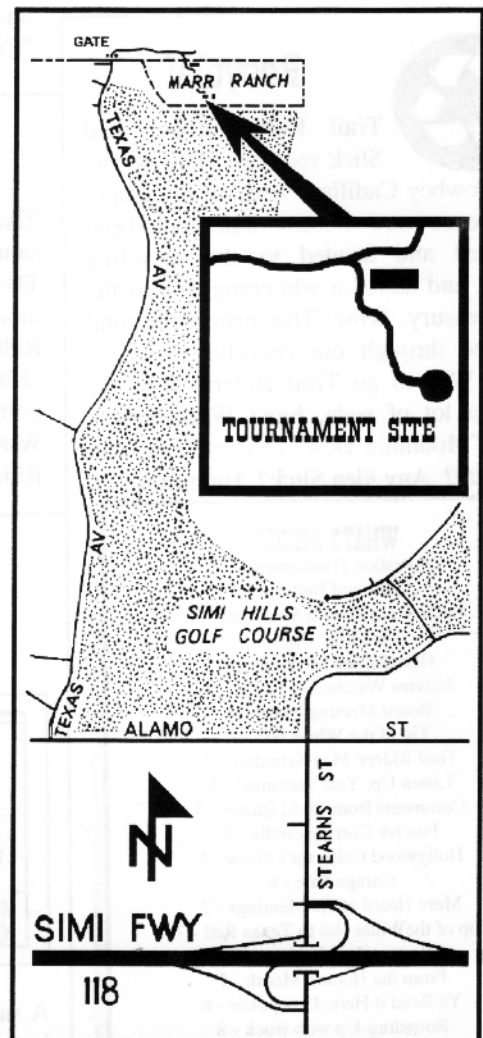
Don't miss this great Trail Rider family tournament event on Sunday, May 2nd, with an accompanying cold camp supper under the trees of the "Barnside Spread" located on Roper's MARR-velous Ranch.

NO ENTRY FEE

(The best things in life are still and always free.)

This is a single-elimination horseshoe tournament open to all active and honored Trail Riders and their spouses. This year we'll have a single-stand format . . . no walking back and forth between the *pitcher's boxes*. The first player to achieve 11 points wins the match and continues in the tournament. A *ringer* counts 3 points, a "leaner" counts 2 points, and the horseshoe closest to the stake gets 1 point. Awards to the top three places.

CALL JACK (BUCK) HARDING, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS: (805) 522-8427



Back and Better

The Trail Riders' 1993 Tournament schedule starts May 2nd with "The Second Annual Lee Barker's Red River D Horseshoe Tournament." This tourney was a real hit last year and Scottsdale Hondo and Miss Brigitti won't be here. made by the Trail Riders Board of Directors to enhance walking back and forth between the *pitcher's boxes* 11. Also, the new trophy recognition program starts awards will be presented to the first three places, with trophy in the club room and being presented custody of handed over to the subsequent year's new champion. sure you will like them too. So, reserve your entry in Horseshoe Tournament" by contacting Buck now and fellowship, some of Durango's tall tales, and good eating at the companion cold camp supper.



I'm sure this year will be no different . . . 'cept Several good changes in the tournament format were the event this year. For example, we are eliminating during matches, and lowering match point from 21 to with Lee's Red River D tournament--individual the first place winner being honored on a permanent the tournament's roving silver horseshoe that gets Sure like the refinements the board made . . . and I'm "The Second Annual Lee Barker's Red River D get ready for an afternoon of good fun, good

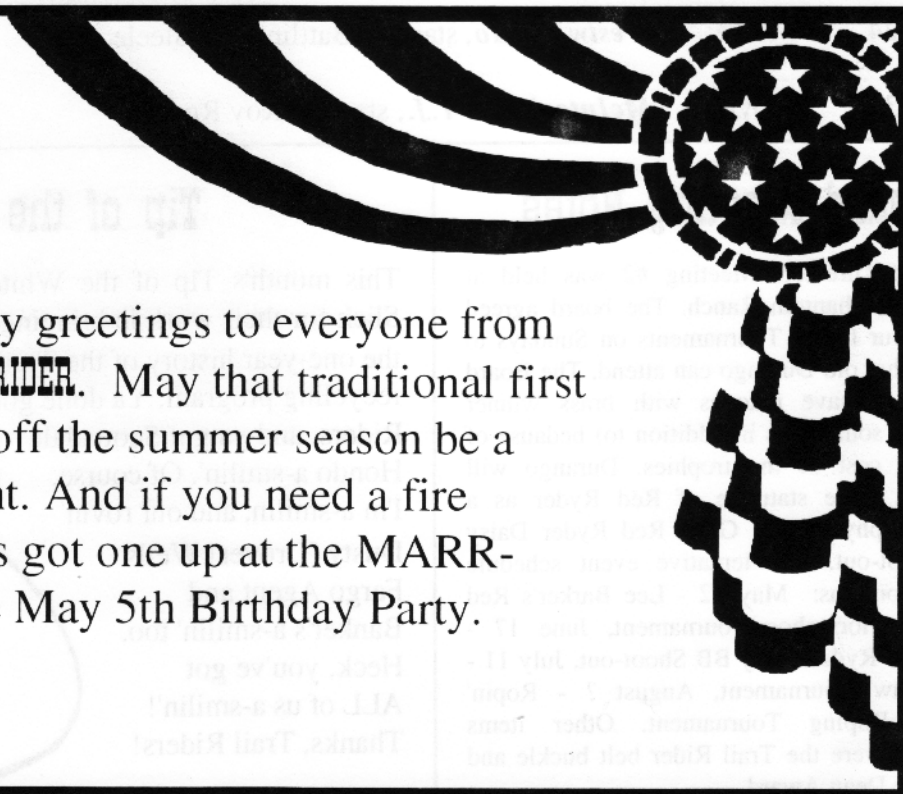


Eddie Dean Award Standings

After three months, the top five Trail Riders are Colorado with 450, Roper with 400, Buck with 250, and Durango, Dusty, and Slick tied with 200 each for fifth place. All pretty tight, but several could pull away from the pack or others in 6th and below could jump into the top five with points won in tournaments coming up in the next three months. Next standings for "The Eddie Dean Award" will be announced in the August issue of THE TRAIL RIDER, and the award at the 5th Annual Trail Riders Holiday Party in December.

Greetings!

Happy Memorial Day greetings to everyone from the staff of **THE TRAIL RIDER**. May that traditional first barbeque that kicks off the summer season be a burnt culinary delight. And if you need a fire extinguisher, Roper's got one up at the MARR-velous Ranch for the May 5th Birthday Party.





'Tis Fillin' Up!

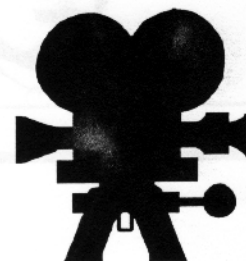
We're more than half way toward our goal for the glass fund, thanks to the Trail Riders voting to have recently received recycling funds added to the "Catch-up Fund" instead of having them go into the general fund. This was done to boost the date of completing all framing and to hold an open house museum premier. If you would like to rush the museum's opening, please send your contribution for the fund to Jack (Buck) Harding, 1053 Erringer Road, Simi Valley, CA 93065. Please make your check payable to "The Trail Riders of the West." And thanks!

Heard at the Meetings . . .

Hey, you're back . . . Yeah, and I'm going to make the next two or three meetings too . . . That'll make you a Trail Rider . . . That's what I want . . . Anybody here hungry? . . . Yes . . . Good, while you're up, could you get me some popcorn? . . . Try Miss Joyce's apple pie, it is great! . . . Where's Durango? . . . In Germany . . . No wonder it is quiet around here . . . I'm gettin' together a Trail Riders sing-along book . . . There goes the quiet with Buck singing . . . Can he sing? . . . No. Some trails are happy ones, others are blue. It's the way you ride the trail that counts; here's a happy one for you. Happy trails to you until we meet again. Happy trails to you, keep smilin' until then. Who cares about the clouds when we're together? Just sing a song and bring the sunny weather. Happy trails to you till we meet again . . . Hey, Buck, you know verse one too!

Movies Watched in March

- March 3 Serial: *The Indians are Coming*, Chapter 6, starring Col. Tim McCoy
 Movie: *Range Renegades*, starring Jimmy Wakely
- March 10 Serial: *The Indians are Coming*, Chapter 7, starring Col. Tim McCoy
 Movie: *The Thundering Herd*, starring Randolph Scott
- March 24 Movie: *Westward Ho*, starring Battlin' Bob Steele
- March 31 Movie: *McIntosh and T.J.*, starring Roy Rogers

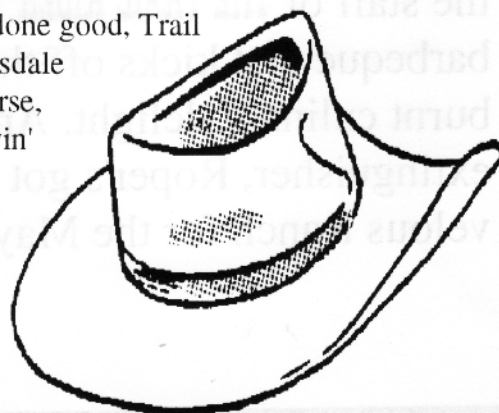


Board Meeting Notes

Board of Directors Meeting #2 was held at Colorado's Phantom Ranch. The board agreed to hold our future Tournaments on Sundays to be sure that old Durango can attend. The Board decided to have plaques with brass winner plates (or sometimes in addition to) because of the high cost of the trophies. Durango will donate a large statuette of Red Ryder as a roving trophy for the Great Red Ryder Daisy BB Shoot-out. The tentative event schedule decided on was: May 12 - Lee Barker's Red River D Horseshoe Tournament, June 17 - Great Red Ryder Daisy BB Shoot-out, July 11 - Fast Draw Tournament, August ? - Ropin' Roper's Roping Tournament. Other items discussed were the Trail Rider belt buckle and the Eddie Dean Award.

Tip of the White Hat

This month's Tip of the White Hat is shared by Roper and Slick for their work in bringing in the highest recycling total in the one-year history of the Trail Rider's recycling program. Ya done good, Trail Riders, and ya got Scottsdale Hondo a-smilin'. Of course, I'm a-smilin, and our rovin' Dusty [Drover] Wells Fargo Agent and Banker's a-smilin' too. Heck, you've got ALL of us a-smilin'! Thanks, Trail Riders!



Trail Riders' May Schedule



May 2	Lee Barker's Red River D Horseshoe Tournament at Roper's MARR-velous Ranch
May 5	Scheduled meeting at Roper's MARR-velous Ranch
May 12	Scheduled meeting at Roper's MARR-velous Ranch
May 18	Board of Directors Meeting. Trail Riders monthly dues are payable and recyclables are collected.
May 19	Scheduled meeting at Roper's MARR-velous Ranch
May 26	Scheduled meeting at Roper's MARR-velous Ranch
May 31	Happy Memorial Day

Alright, now, you varmints, listen up! our Banker Dusty wants me to remind you that May dues are payable at the May 19th meeting, and don't be bringin' any fifty-dollar bills . . . just five-dollar bills! Also, Roper and slick will be collecting your recycling drive contributions. Eighty-eight dollars last time! Scottsdale Hondo really started something for the Trail Riders, huh? Yep!



Comments from Budd Buster

"You sure can tell spring is here as only 4 or 5 weeks left in the National Hockey League's season until they start their 9-week champion finals. They sure like long seasons and playoffs in hockey. Hey, speaking of hockey, went to a boxing match last Friday night and a hockey game broke out!"

Fun for Corriganville

The "Corriganville Preservation Committee" (CpC) held another of their fun fundraisers to rebuild "Silvertown." The \$5 affair was held at the Clarion Hotel here in Simi on Sunday, April 25th, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.. They planned a grand day with stunt shows, music, good chuck wagon grub, and a special silent auction. Many members of Hollywood's Western community attended and so did some Trail Riders. (There went Buck's five-dollar bill--hey Dusty, got change for a fifty?)

LET'S FACE IT, JOE BOB, BOUNTY HUNTIN' AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE.



THANK YA WRANGLER DAVE FOR GETTING TWO OF MY CARDBOARD STAND-UPS SAYING HOW PROUD I AM OF THE 50 -YEAR HISTORY OF MY DAISY BB RIFLE. THEY ARE GOING TO BE GREAT ADDITIONS TO THE TOURNAMENT'S AWARD PRESENTATIONS!

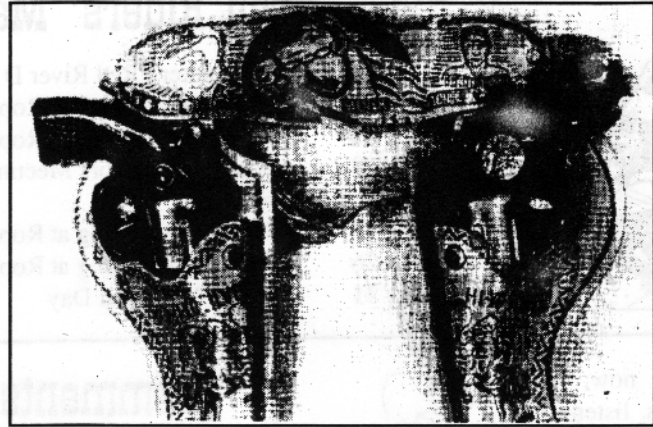
Silver Screen South, Associates &
Committee Members Presents...

HOLLYWOOD COLLECTOR'S SHOW

Didn't see any of these Lone Ranger holster sets at the Hollywood Collector's Show held April 3rd at Beverly Garland's Hotel over in North Hollywood, but sure saw a bunch of other goodies. This show just keeps getting better and is the best of the collector shows. This is not just my opinion, but one that is shared by Trail Rider 7-1/2 Mrs. Lauter, Wrangler Dave Pitts, and Wrangler Gary Haskel who have attended many of the shows, and Trail Rider Slick and Riderette Miss Joyce. We all had a grand old time browsing

over all the treasures displayed and coming home with some. Slick purchased an upgraded print of Ken Maynard's serial *Mystery Mountain* (neat) and I came home with several pictures, a window poster, and an advertisement for a Hopalong Cassidy lunch box and thermos. Fun--but--the real fun of the day was the time enjoyed once again meeting fellow collector friends, and some "reel" friends for the first time, but dearly missed talking with Mr. Frost. Trail Rider buddies Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Lyden were there, and I sure enjoy their company, as does Miss Joyce who made up a special Easter basket for them. That sure brought smiles, and they kept smiling as they talked about their upcoming Golden Spur boat cruise and attending this year's Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Film Festival in Portsmouth, Ohio. Have a grand time guys and I look forward to hearing all about your travels up at the Lone Pine Festival (don't forget my post card). Speaking of Lone Pine, got to talking to Mr. and Mrs. Jan Merlin who will be attending the Festival this year for the first time, and sure am looking forward to enjoying Dave Holland's shin-dig, especially after an introduction to Mr. and Mrs. Lyden from whom they learned more about it. Meanwhile, I got to meet Ms. Lois Hall for the first time (what a nice lady), got to see Ms. Myria Dell again (who is looking forward to our museum opening), had Mr. George Montgomery sign my window poster, chatted with Mr. and Mrs. Iron Eyes Cody, and finally got to meet Mr. Woody Strude. Been waiting to do that for a long time. Was so disappointed I could not get to the Cowboy Walk of Stars Dinner in March to meet him. But, no more; got it done at this Collector's show. What a thrill that was for this Saturday cowboy and for all the others who attended the show. Mercy, but he has many wonderful stories of his career. Sure enjoyed talking to him and Jon Locke, too, who said he planned to attend the Corriganville Preservation Committee's doin's here in Simi on Sunday, April 25th, and I was sure looking forward to seeing him there. I'm also looking forward to the next Collector's show in July. I'm already setting aside money so I can purchase some more treasures, but it seems I never seem to save enough. Guss my wants are as many as the candles on May 5th's birthday cake. You do have a fire extinguisher, huh Roper? Good.

Thanks to Wrangler Bill Clark for the newspaper clipping of the Lone Ranger holster and gun set so we could share it with all the Trail Riders.



A true collectible, this Lone Ranger gun holster is worth more than \$250. It was inspired by the radio show first heard in 1933.

Well, quite a few people came by Buck's Bar 20 to look over all the good stuff the Trail Riders lined Buck's driveway with for the 1993 Garage Sale. After Texas Red left, Colorado hung a basket of flowers from Buck's mailbox, then later stuck it atop Buck's car to try to attract more people. For a while, there were parking jams gettin' to the place, then it eased up to a steady flow, then a trickle, then none. Stoney, Roper, Colorado, Dusty, and Buck started waving at the cars as they drove by. Some waved back, but none showed the Garage Sale took net receipts of \$54. About \$100 less than last year. Darn, but on the other hand we did not have the big-ticket items we had last year. Hey, smile. \$54 is \$54 we didn't have before, and I'm sure the Trail Riders will have a good use for the money (like awards for the 1993 tournaments). Yea, so all is good in Trail Rider town. Made \$54, met a lot of nice folks, and got a lot of good talkin' done. So much so, that Miss Joyce remarked, ". . . and you guys say women talk a lot!"

Garage Sale



HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY
TO
ALL
OF
THE
LADIES
OF
THE
TRAIL
RIDERS
OF THE WEST



MORE Heard at the Meetings

Well, see ya filled up the pot holes with sand. Thanks . . . Don't thank me yet 'cause I used quick sand . . . got a picture for ya Buck . . . Hoppy! . . . Hey, the serial doesn't want to play . . . guess the Indians really did get Tim McCoy at the end of chapter 6 . . . Brought a couple of Old West hand guns to show the guys . . . Those aren't hand guns! . . . Are too . . . Are not, they are hand cannons! . . . Boy, is it hard to sign this card . . . know what you mean . . . You moved back from Oregon? . . . Smoking is out back by the pool . . . Ok, brought my trusty cowboy ashtray along . . . Did you bring a swimming suit so you can enjoy the pool later? . . . No, but I brought my zippo so I could enjoy my Bull Durham's . . . Well, that brings this meeting to a close . . . Hey, what about this form you wanted me to turn in? . . . Oh, yeah . . . Where's Dusty? . . . Waiting for J.D. at the gate . . . Where's J.D. . . Well, it is 8:15, so I think he isn't coming to the gate . . . Hot coffee run to Dusty!



Texas Red recently spent a Sunday afternoon entertaining hundreds of people and raising many much needed dollars for the card of children with AIDS. 'Twas a grand affair and smiles were seen everywhere and still are due to the good time and the good dollars that Texas Red and his friends provided on a Sunday afternoon. *Tip of the White Hat to Texas Red!*

Seen at the Meetings . . .

And looking the Trail Riders over in April were Wrangler Dave Pitts, Wrangler Bob Schenk, Wrangler Tag Groat, Wrangler Will Lacey, Wrangler Rick Groat, and Wranglers Ron and Ron Jr. Hayward. Good to see ya guys! At the rate we're going, we may reach our maximum of 20 Trail Riders before the year's out. Won't there be some great meetings then!

From the Horse's Mouth

by Dick "Colorado" Oakes



For the most part, cowboy dances and their "calls" were not put down on paper, but like ancient stories, were told by one dance caller to another, father to son, community to community. Also, with each retelling, something was probably lost from the original as these were the dances of the folk of the West, not the scholars. So, the dances in the "B" Westerns we watch are what choreographers "think" were done during the period, because they have few written records of those dances. What they do know is that distances were great in the West and a dance night in Colorado, for instance, could not be the affair of one small community. From a hundred or more miles in every direction the dancers would come. Some may have drifted up from Texas, or come by stage from New England. Others may have followed the herds down from summer grass in Montana. Precision dancing could not have been done by these cowpokes, but if they could be taken through something with a good running call that was similar to what they had done "back home," then cowboy dances were possible. True Western dances were built on the New England Quadrilles that were danced in a square formation, and the Kentucky mountain Running Sets which were danced in great circles--and both types of dances were led by callers who would prompt the dancers as they danced. Since the step was a simple walking step, all a cowboy had to do was listen to the caller to be prompted through most of the dances that were being done, whether he was a gringo or an old hand. Callers, on the other hand, always wanted the dancers to enjoy what they were saying, so they would add in some interesting patter to fill up the time during repetitive action. For instance, instead of simply saying, "Get ready and swing your partner . . .", a caller might say something like, "All jump up and never come down, swing your purty girl 'round and around 'till the hollow of your foot makes a hole in the ground." That same caller might have ended that dance call with, "Promenade, you know where, and I don't care; take your honey to a nice soft chair." And while you're at it, sit in a chair yourself, buckaroo, and put another "B" Western tape in the old VCR !



Ya Read it Here, Cowpokes . . .

Dave Holland has put out the call for the Trail Riders and hundreds of other Saturday cowpokes to confirm their reservations for the 1993 Lone Pine Film Festival. After the 1992 Festival, the Trail Riders placed eight room reservations for this year's event and Dave would like them confirmed by June 1st. So, Trail Riders, contact Buck for your reservation form and instructions for your \$50 deposit check. Do it now, Trail Riders, as Buck wants to send everything up to Dave on May 15th. Gonna be great staying at the Dow Villa again and enjoying another Columbus Day weekend at the Lone Pine Film Festival.

Rounding-Up with Buck

The business meetings became a lot more fun in April as most of the discussions were about the upcoming 1993 tournaments with Lee Barker's Red River D Horseshoe Tournament coming up in just a matter of days. Going to be a fun day and I'll be telling ya all about it in the next issue of THE TRAIL RIDER. Will also be introducing you to several new Trail Riders. I like doing that. 'Tis just great sharing the Trail Rider experience with people I enjoy . . . just great. Enjoy that Memorial Day barbeque, podners!

Buck
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