THE TRAIL RIDER

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Welcome Ron! Howdy Bandit!

That's the greeting that filled a recent Trail Rider meeting as Ron Blake became the twentieth member of The Trail Riders of the West and the seventeenth active member of the club. Ron brings Saturday matinee Western memories of being a front-row kid at the "Cadiz Theatre," cheering Hopalong Cassidy and the boys of the Bar 20 to be victorious over Glenn Strange and his fellow villains of the range for twelve cents. Wow! Now he is enjoying reliving those memories of yesteryear for a dollar every Wednesday night with his fellow Trail Riders as "Bandit." Glad to have you with us Ron--and welcome Bandit!

If you would like to write to Bandit and welcome him and his wife Miss Joan to the Trail Riders, their address is: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Blake, 3321 Copley Street, Simi Valley, California 93065.

The Trail Riders of the West dedicate this issue of their monthly newsletter to their fellow Trail Rider, Mr. Richard Webb.

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Welcome Neil Summers!

On Saturday, June 19th, actor, author, and stuntman Neil Summers was surprised at his "Hollywood Collector's Show" booth as he was welcomed as an Honored Member of The Trail Riders of the West. Mr. Summers actively works to preserve the history of the Westerns of the big and small screens and fully supports the establishment of a park on the grounds of the former "Corriganville Movie Ranch" where many of the films were made. The Trail Riders take pride in recognizing Mr. Summers' work and welcome him as the club's twelfth Honored Member!

What a Fun Night!

The first Fifth-Week Ladies' Night meeting of the Trail Riders was held recently and was enjoyed by all who attended. As Kiowa Slim and Miss Wilma, Cowboy and Miss Naomi, Thunder Eagle and Miss Stephanie, Chippewa and Miss Calamity Rycee, Cheyenne and Miss Kathleen, Grizz and Miss Marge, Roper and Miss Nancy, Colorado and Miss Carol, Slick and Miss Marilyn, and Dusty and Miss Charleen enjoyed their boxed dinners, Trail Rider Slick provided an excellent print of Barbara Stanwyck's and Ronald Reagan's Western film Cattle Queen of Montana. Slick later offered it in a raffle which was won by a delighted Miss Calamity Rycee. 'Twas a great night and everyone is looking forward to the next Fifth-Week Ladies' Night meeting which will be held September 29th.

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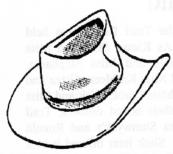
EPISODE ONE: Flying Devil Darts

Danger lurked past the 'standing line' as the Trail Riders recently competed in the first of a regular third-week serial titled *Tournament Terrors*. This month's episode, "Flying Devil Darts," proved to be a fast and furious single-elimination dart tournament with Stoney's keen eye and steady aim eliminating all competition. Stoney was awarded title "Dead Eye," and received a home dart game to keep him in his dart-throwing form. Next month, the Trail Riders will face off in *Tournament Terrors*, Episode Two: "Targets of the Pistoleros."

Heard at the Meetings

I'm not very good at darts . . . Hey, you hit the tree! . . . Here's your gun belt, Colorado . . . It's a beauty, Thunder Eagle . . . That's my seat . . . You weren't in it when I got here . . . That's why I choose to be down here on the floor . . . Turn the volume up . . . Sure is good holding the business meetings out here on the porch, isn't it . . . Yep . . . Feed the Kitty . . . Look at the moths fly out of Roper's billfold! . . . They aren't flying out, they are falling out; dead from all the stale air in there . . . Durango's Trail Rider hat pin sure is slick, Slick! . . . that's a 1957 Olds in that commercial . . . and that looks like Budd Buster driving it . . . Looks like he learned to drive in New York City . . . NEW YORK CITY . . . and so it went . .

A Tip of the White Hat

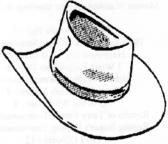


A big Tip of the White Hat goes out to Mr. Max Harrison, publisher of the Country and Western Variety Magazine for an article about "The Trail Riders of the West." The article appeared in his June-July, 1993, issue. Thanks

Mr. Harrison for letting everyone know what the Trail Riders is all about!

Another Tip of the White Hat

A big Tip of the White Hat goes out to Alice Nichols for writing her wonderful article about "The Trail Riders of the West." Miss Nichols introduced the Trail Riders to the many readers of the "C & W Variety" magazine. Looks like the



Trail Riders are getting more and more publicity about their doin's!

A TRAIL RIDER'S DREAM

By Will "Kiowa Slim" Lacey

I had me a dream the other night, I'd like to share with you
But it wasn't of the ordinary garden variety that I've been accustomed to
I'd been to a meetin' at the Marvelous Marr over on the edge of town
And I'd just watched Roy and Dale and Gabby put some bad men down

That was probably a big influence that made me toss and turn
But old Grizz's chili was workin' good and that mighta had a little concern
I hadn't no more'n drew a couple of snoozes about a minute or two I'd say
When I started fantasizin' about the all-time ultimate "Saturday Matinee"!!

All the B Western actors from the Silver Screen showed up there on my bed Everyone from Hoppy 'n Gene to Eddie Dean were runnin' around in my head But the thing that made it a real big deal and blew my mind, you see Was that every hero in every scene were my Trail Rider friends and me

Yeow, all my pals from the Marr Corral all woe big white Stetsons
And we had the best horses and shiniest guns like a proud bunch of Texans
We helped Tom Mix and Whip Wilson catch some cattle thieves
We chased Yak Canutt and Terry Frost and brought 'em to their knees

And I remember just as old Pierce Lyden's gang was about to rob a bank
Here comes Buck and Durango and J.D. and Slick I thank
Anyway, they tied 'em up and took 'em to Judge Roy Bean
Then went back out with heads held high to keep the wild West clean

Dusty and Stoney and Colorado of course, were in there too They helped Tex Ritter and Rex Allen catch the Dalton Crew And Sunset Carson asked Montana and Brahma and a couple other men To ride in a posse from Fort Apache with Lee Aaker and Rin Tin Tin

Boy was that exciting just like when I was a kid All them stars and all my pals doing what the heroes did Even the Indians like Little Beaver and Tonto and Old Iron Eyes Were in with our own Redskin Bunch shootin' up the Western skies

Yeow, Chippewa and Thunder Eagle, Cheyenne and Kiowa Slim Made Geronimo and Crazy Horse's band look like a Cub Scout Den Them arrows and them tomahawks used by our trusty tribe Put a stop to some hairy situations and it's been my pleasure to describe

And Bandit and Hondo and Texas Red, I saw 'em at Corriganville
With Smiley Burnette and Dub Taylor runnin' up over a hill
They were trying to catch Slim Pickens and Al Fuzzy St. John
But before you could say "Bad Budd Buster" they'd already up and gone

Yeow, the Sidekicks too were in my dream and all the mighty steeds Old Trigger and Champion and Raider and Duke helped in all the deeds And you know, there was our boys Roper and Cowboy doing their part Taking care of all the livestock, now weren't they just sweethearts?

That was really quite a dream I had in Technicolor and all
Me and my trusty Trail Rider buds were havin' ourselves a ball
And next Wednesday night when I turn out the light and lay me down to snore
I hope we'll sit in the saddle and ride the range some more.



Remembering Richard Webb

By Patrick "Stoney" Bousquet

"Where Have You Gone Captain Midnight" was the title of an article written in August of 1982. I saved that article; it is now in a frame, autographed along with signed photos of Richard Webb, Captain Midnight. I was a Captain Midnight fan since I was a young lad. Little did I realize that this article would lead to a friendship.

Sadly, I learned that Richard had died on June 11, 1993. I had just talked to his wife Florence a few days earlier. She was just going to the hospital to bring him home and I had planned to visit him a few days later.

I first met Richard and Florence at a cowboy reunion in 1991. I asked him about a book that he had written titled "Great Ghosts of the West." This led to other conversation and we discovered that we had a late mutual friend.

A year later we met at a fund-raiser for the restoration of Corriganville Movie Ranch. I had brought that 1982 article with me and showed it to Richard. He was pleased that I had saved the story all those years--so much so that he showed it to his daughter who was with him that day. His exact words were, "You're a saver." We laughed over that and visited for some time. This led to phone calls and visits to his home.

Visiting with Richard and Florence was always a pleasure and they always made me feel at home. When visiting, Richard and I often talked about his numerous talents. He was a fine actor, father, author, prospector, and retired army officer. We talked about his military career, how he got into acting and his love of prospecting, which he often did with Clint Walker.

We discussed his books too. He wrote three: "Great Ghost of the West," "The Laugh's on Hollywood," and "These Came Back." I have the first two, and am fortunate to have them both personally autographed. Richard wrote a fourth book titled "Captain Midnight." It is his autobiography. Sadly, it was not published before he passed on. I hope it will be published soon. I was privileged to see the manuscript and all the photographs that were going to be in Richard's latest book.

I am going to miss visiting with Richard Webb and I can only express how I feel by something that Richard wrote on a photograph to me, "Patrick, I really like you." Richard, I really liked you, too.

August's Trail Rider Schedule



| August 4 Special Birthday Meeting at Roper's MARR-velous R | t 4 Special Bir | thday Meeting at | Roper's MARR-velous | Ranch |
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- Second Annual Roping Roper's Roping Tournament and Bar-B-Q at Buck's Bar 20 Ranch
- August 11 Regular meeting at Roper's MARR-velous Ranch
- August 17 Board of Directors meeting
- August 18 Regular meeting at Roper's MARR-velous Ranch; recycling collection and dues payable
- August 18 Episode Two of Tournament Terrors: "Targets of the Pistoleros"
- August 25 Regular meeting at Roper's MARR-velous Ranch

August Refreshment and Clean-up Committees

August 8

August 4 Buck and Dusty

August 11 Colorado and Slick

August 18 Cowboy and Grizz

August 25 Kiowa Slim and Chippewa

Mr. Richard Webb starred in two successful TV shows: Captain Midnight, 39 episodes of which were first aired from 1954 to 1956, and U.S. Border Patrol.

Board of Directors Report

Discussed name tag badges, proposed film project by Cowboy to feature the Trail Riders and ideas to expand Simi Valley Days parade entry. Passed erecting a club bulletin board, having a weekly sign-in attendance sheet, chose "Range Boss" as Roper's Board of Directors title, added having Roping Tournament entrants compete while sitting on a horse, and set aside July 9th meeting for full discussion of proposed SV Days activities of entering a float, having a "tail-gate breakfast, holding a peek preview of the Harry Lauter Memorial Museum, having an afternoon square dance and cold buffet lunch, holding a twilight bar-b-que followed by an evening talent show.

Happenings at the Meetings

Finalized the Fourth Annual Great Red Ryder Daisy B.B. Shoot-out Tournament, set up a Trail Drive to attend the Hollywood Collector's Show, signed a certificate to honor Neil Summers, welcomed Ron Blake as "Bandit" into the Trail Riders, set the First Annual Terry Frost's Fast Draw Showdown Tournament and Barbecue, and elected July's thirdweek tournament to be a single-elimination event using a miniature shooting gallery.

August Birthday

On August 4th, the Trail Riders will celebrate the August birthday of Thunder Eagle.

Recycling Committee Report



Recycling Wranglers Roper and Slick presented \$72.00 to Roving Dusty Drover, the Trail Riders' pro-tem Banker. The big bucks were raised through the past two month's club recycling collection drive. This brings total recycling funds to over \$350.00 that have been added to the club treasury since the Trail Rider membership started saving their empty soda cans and 2-litre plastic soda bottles. Our thirsts are paying off, huh Trail Riders? Yep!

Movies Watched During Meetings in June

"40 Thieves" with William Boyd, "Colorado" starring Roy Rogers, "Cattle Queen of Montana" with Barbara Stanwick and Ronald Reagan, a 1957 Oldsmobile commercial filmed at Corriganville, out-takes from "Gunsmoke," John Wayne's introduction on the very first episode of "Gunsmoke," a video of the "Fourth Annual Great Red Ryder Daisy Shoot-out," and Chapters 9 and 10 of Colonel Tim McCoy's serial "The Indians are Coming."



Fire!

On Thursday, June 17th, a fire swept across the front fifty acres of the Marr Ranch. Lasting most of the afternoon, the flames endangered the out buildings and homes on the Marr but through Range Boss Roper's active weed abatement and fire prevention programs at the ranch, all were saved. Roper extends full credit to the fine firemen of all the units of the Ventura fire department for saving the homes. The fire department chief credited the Ranch's excellent weed abatement and fire prevention programs for making it possible to save all the out buildings and homes. Well done, Roper!

Tip of the White Hat



When Trail Rider Thunder Eagle saw the dense smoke rising over the Marr Ranch, he didn't have to think twice about helping Roper. Where others could not get past the fire department's barricade, Thunder Eagle did, and he helped Roper get his horses to safety. Well done Trail Rider Thunder Eagle. A big Tip of the White Hat to ya!

Mr. Richard Webb had three books published and, at the time of his death, was in the process of having a fourth one published.

1993 Eddie Dean Award Standings



The standings board is tightening up for the Eddie Dean Award for the Trail Rider of the Year as points are being won in Tournament competition. Colorado leads all Trail Riders with 1050 points, followed by Durango with 800 points, Buck with 775 points, Slick with 750 points, and Roper with 700 points. Several others are close and could be right in the running for the Award by winning points in the August Roping Tournament and not missing any point opportunities available up to November 30th. The 1993 Eddie Dean Award winner will be announced at the Trail Riders' Fifth Annual Holiday Party, December 22nd.

POINTS FOR THE "EDDIE DEAN AWARD" ARE GIVEN:

- 025 For attending a weekly meeting
- 500 For the Trail Rider with the highest weekly attendance points
- 200 For hosting a monthly Trail Riders Board of Directors meeting
- To the Trail Rider who receives the most "Tips of the White Hat"
- 300 For hosting a Trail Riders Tournament
- 500 For placing first in a Trail Riders Tournament
- 300 For placing second in a Trail Riders Tournament
- 100 For placing third in a Trail Riders Tournament



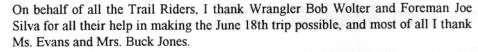
Happiness is a Trail Drive



On Saturday, June 19th, Trail Riders Durango and Buck loaded up the Consetoga van and headed over Rocky Peak Pass and attended the recent Hollywood Collector's Show. Both came home with new treasures for their dens and with memories of a fun day spent with fellow Trail Riders Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Lyden, Wranglers Gary Hascal, Sharon Carter, Don Kells and Alice Nichols, fellow collectors Gabe Essoe and Jack Gold, plus the following members of Hollywood's Western Community: Monte Hale, Richard Martin, Will Hutchinson, and good guy Walter Reed. All made for a wonderful day and both Trail Riders are looking forward to the next show, which will be held September 25th.

I Won't Forget This Day

Those are the words I repeated over and over again to Wrangler Bob Wolter as we drove home from meeting with Mrs. Buck Jones on Friday, June 18th. What a warm and gracious lady she is. Time just flew by as she shared stories, memories, and lead the conversation among the three of us. This meeting culminated a two-year quest to have Mrs. Jones sign a picture of Mr. Buck Jones and his leading lady Ms. Muriel Evans, which Foreman Joe Silva of The Buck Jones Western Corral Number One had Mrs. Jones sign earlier this year.





Richard Webb = Akron, Ohio

I never had the opportunity to join Stoney on his visits to see Mr. Richard Webb. Wish I has as I have always admired his screen work. But whenever I hear his name, I do not immediately think of his films, instead I think of Akron, Ohio. Should explain that, huh?

You see, Mr. Webb's successful TV series "Captain Midnight" was not shown in Columbus, but it WAS in Akron where my Aunt Margaret, Uncle Ed, and my cousins Carol, Jerry, John and Jeannel lived. So, a visit to their home was my favorite weekend trip. We would crowd in front of the TV, drink Ovaltine and thrill to Captain Midnight's exploits.

I remember on one visit I was surprised with a Captain Midnight Ovaltine mug, and oh, how I cherished it. I got awfully mad at the movers, as the mug was broken when we moved to Madison, Wisconsin, in 1956. Ovaltine never tasted the same again as it did in my Akron, Ohio, Captain Midnight mug.

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

By Dick "Colorado" Oakes

Did You Know . . .

Here are a few trivial pursuits about the Real West and the Reel West culled from a variety of sources.

Silent cowboy star William S. Hart grew so fond of his movie horse Fritz that he offered to buy the animal from the studio, but studio officials refused. Finally, after repeated attempts to purchase the horse, Hart volunteered to star in a movie without salary in exchange for Fritz. The studio heads agreed, and Hart was finally united with his beloved movie mount in a deal he claimed cost him \$40,000.



William Surrey Hart was born in Newburgh, New York, but moved to Dakota Territory as a child and claimed to have worked for a while as a cowboy. He insisted that the scenery and sets in his Westerns must look authentic, and he gave his movie horse, Fritz, a screen credit. Fritz became popular with the public, even receiving fan mail himself, and Hart made a picture called "Pinto Ben" to honor him.

William S. Hart and his little pinto Fritz did all their own stunts. Another star-horse duo who did their own stunts in the early Westerns was Tom Mix and Tony-their stunts became famous the world over.

In 1870, Wyatt Berry Stapp Earp's first job as a law enforcer was as constable of Lamar, Missouri, where he was elected in a race against Newton J. Earp, his half-brother.

Wyatt Earp was indicted for horse stealing by officials in Van Buren, Arkansas, on May 8, 1871. Earp escaped trial by jumping bail and fleeing to Kansas.

During middle-age, Wyatt Earp wandered into Texas, California, Idaho, Colorado, Nevada, Kansas, Arizona and Alaska. In the late 1890s, U.S. Marshal Albert Lowe of Nome, Alaska, slapped an intoxicated barkeeper and took his gun away after the fellow threatened to demonstrate how guns were handled "down Arizona way." The object of Lowe's discipline was none other than Wyatt Earp, the former famous Tombstone, Arizona, gunfighter and shootist who had wandered up to Nome and to become a saloon keeper.

A year before his death, Wyatt Earp shared his memoirs with Stuart Lake, who later recorded Earp's story in the 1931 book Wyatt Earp: Frontier Marshall. Lake's book became a common source for Western movies such as Frontier Marshall (1934 and 1939), My Darling Clementine (1946), and Powder River (1953).

William S. Hart and Tom Mix were among the pallbearers at Funeral services for Old West lawman and shootist Wyatt Earp on January 16, 1929. Hart and Mix had known Earp in his last years.

A Tip of the White Hat



A Tip of the White Hat goes out to Durango for making the show-down courts for the First Annual Terry Frost's Fast Draw Showdown

Tournament. Both were ingenious and made the event move fast and smoothly, providing a fun time for everyone. Ya done good, Trail Rider!

Another Tip

Another Tip of the White Hat this month goes out for profine dart an award first of the White Hat this month to Slick viding a board as for the our great

Tournament Terrors 3rd-Wednesday events, for his help running it, and providing the film for the "Ladies Night" raffle. Well done, Trail Rider Slick!

Yet Another Tip

And still another Tip of the White Hat this month goes out to Cheyenne for contributing a bedroom suite to the Trail Riders to



sell. Through his generosity, a young couple has some bedroom furniture and the Trail Rider treasury is \$75 richer. Way to go, Cheyenne!





GLAD YOU HAD A GOOD TIME, TRAIL RIDERS!

Results of Terry Frost's Tournament

You'd never know that the Trail Riders had never held a fast-draw event before, because the "First Annual Terry Frost's Fast-Draw Showdown Tournament and Barbecue" went without a hitch. Everything went like clockwork, in fact. Well, all except for Buck

forgetting to hold onto his gun and watching it fly by Cheyenne's head. Darn city slicker. Embarrassing. When all the laughter quieted down, Thunder Eagle out-drew the others and was presented the "1993 Gunslinger's Award" of a John Wayne Collector's Plate by Mrs. Marion Callahan Frost. The semi-finalists (the "Bit-the-dust Gang") Cheyenne, Miss Marilyn, and Roper received "Quick Draw McGraw Awards" and all the other tournament entrants received lilies.

Before the barbecue began at Colorado's Phantom Ranch, Cheyenne recited Dale Park's poem about Terry Frost and then Slick and Colorado mad sure everyone received their fill of cooked-to-perfection

hamburgers and hot dogs. Miss Naomi added some delicious beans, Thunder Eagle added an herb salad, Stoney added a cake as did Cheyenne, and it was some kind of Trail Rider barbecue.

'Twas a fun day and made even better with Trail Rider Lee Aaker and Trail Rider Marion Frost being there to enjoy it along with us. Add in Colorado and Miss Carol's cool pool and hot spa, and everyone went home with smiles of remembrance of one wonderful day. It was truly that!

SOME OF THE MANY FILMS IN WHICH MR. RICHARD WEBB APPEARED ARE: DISTANT DRUMS, CARSON CITY, SULLIVAN TRAVELS, HOLD BACK THE DAWN, OSS, OUT OF THE PAST, THE BIG CLOCK, SANDS OF IWO JIMA, THREE HOURS TO KILL, ON THE BEACH, LEADING MAN, AND THE NIGHT HAS A THOUSAND EYES.

We thank Tom and Jim Goldrup for providing us with the above partial list of the movies in which Mr. Richard Webb appeared. Tom and Jim tell us they almost have enough interviews and research completed to publish volume three in their excellent series of books on featured players in the movies. Volumes one and two are now out of print, but the guys say they have a few copies of volume one in stock as well as volume two. If you would like to add these excellent reference books to your library, you may write to Tom and Jim Goldrup, P.O. Box 425, Ben Lomond, California 95005.





SADDLE UP TRAIL RIDERS AS WE
MOUNT "THE SECOND ANNUAL
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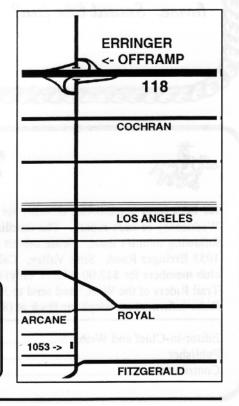
What a Day!

SWIMMING, ROPING, DIVING, BARBECUE, AND A WOODEN HORSE!

Have your picture taken with Durango and Raider and startle your friends!

SEE YA ON AUGUST 8th!

The fun starts at 1:30 PM and ends when Buck falls off the wooden horse!



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To All Wranglers and Trail Riders of the West:

I am requesting that all graphics submitted be black and white only. Color graphics do not copy well for pasteup, and look even worse when scanned into Colorado's computer. So, when submitting cartoons for printing in our newsletter, make sure that they are black-and-white line art rather than color or shaded. Black-and-white newspaper photos can be scanned, but the darker they are the worse they will turn out. This will make Colorado's work a lot easier gang. Thanks for keeping these guidelines in mind when submitting graphics along with your articles for print.



Rounding-Up with Buck

I've been enjoying being a Trail Rider going on seven years now, but never more than I have had this past month with the club's activities. Just terrific fun.

How I have been looking forward to roping a straw steer from a wooden horse. Sound like fun? I'll tell ya about it next month Trail Riders!



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