



THE RED ROCK RIOTEER

CALENDAR

Upcoming Events

4/21 Hunter Pace
Ross Creek 9 am

4/21 Hunt Ball,
7 pm Silver Legacy, Reno, NV

4/22 Closing Hunt
1 pm Ross Creek

4/27-29
Hunting in Three Forks,
Montana

6/3 RRH Benefit Horse Show
with TIP classes and an added
money Hunter Derby

Tentative Dates

May 11 -12, 13 Eventful Acres
Weekend - Marysville (Hiskins)

Tally Slo!

The Leisure Field Debuts at Ridgecrest



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by Joy Smith

Great ideas are sometimes borne out of desperation.

In my case, the desperation was to get back on a horse after a lumbar fracture at the beginning of the hunt season. Having already sat out much of the season, I just couldn't see myself not riding at the annual joint meet in Ridgecrest, CA.

Normally, I ride in First Field and love nothing more than to gallop fast behind the pack so this idea of walking was a tremendous compromise. But at least I'd be on a horse.

The concept of leading a field of others who may not want to run, gallop or navigate steep ravines and rocky mountains started to formulate. In fact, I have three friends who wanted to try hunting but were apprehensive about riding fast and furious. The timing was right for the opportunity to introduce them to the excitement of following the hounds.

Red Rock MFH, Lynn Lloyd gave me her blessing to add a field for people who wanted to join the hunt

but at a slower pace. A much slower pace. In fact, at a leisurely pace.

The inaugural outing of the Leisure Field was at the Robbers Roost fixture in Ridgecrest. To minimize the mayhem surrounding the first day of a large joint meet we waited to mount up until the dual packs of Red Rock and Santa Ynez, along with riders from all the hunts, had ridden off in search of the elusive coyote trail.

Our Leisure Field of about ten embarked on our journey at a decidedly un-brisk pace. Best described as an ambling walk, we had only gone several yards when we had our first viewing – a very fast jackrabbit! Tally-Slo!

Because I knew we'd be traveling long distances over unfamiliar hunt country I brought along my GPS BackTrack D-Tour to track our distance, elevation and, most importantly, to find our way back to the fixture. Our sauntering pace gave us opportunity to discuss hunting protocol, etiquette and

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principals to help our rookie hunt enthusiasts become knowledgeable about their new activity. We had some great conversations but I did inform everyone that once they graduated to First or Second Fields their chatting ways would be silenced in respect of the hounds and huntsmen.

Our first check occurred when my field mentioned the need for a break. A quick glance at my GPS declared we had gone about 569 yards – yes, perfect timing for check. We were met by the “Whoopie Wagon”, piloted by Ron Crossley, completely stocked with water, power bars and courage-inducing liquids for flask refills. Ron also provided horse holding and mounting assistance for riders who had a need to take a walk behind a bush.

After re-mounting, we continued our journey to the top of Robbers’ Roost – 2.1 miles from the fixture where, of course, we had another check!

As soon as we turned towards the fixture our field hunters accelerated from their sluggish, dawdling pace to a brisk march. Where does their inner GPS come from?

The Leisure Field arrived back at the fixture after a two hour hunt where we viewed four or more jackrabbits, a burrowing owl and numerous birds. We observed several dens, nests and tracks of the wildlife that call Robbers’ Roost home. We even came back with a partial jawbone from a bobcat. While

we didn’t view a coyote that day we surely did see plenty of evidence of the clever animals’ existence.

During the three days of the joint meet the Leisure Field gained popularity. Not limited to riders that were new to hunting, we were joined by others that desired a quiet day or had horses being introduced to hunting or were fractious in First or Second Fields. This enjoyable, non-fearful introduction to fox-hunting proved addictive to my three rookie friends. At the close of the meet one of the new-but-not-yet-hunted members had purchased a new horse, the other is contemplating a new mount or some hunt training for her current one and the non-member is now a member of Red Rock Hounds.

What started out as a lark and in my own self-interest to getting back in the saddle may well have started a new idea for introducing and recruiting new participants to the joys of riding to the hounds. Several members of other hunts mentioned they wanted to take the idea of a Leisure Field to their hunt management to consider the idea.

A Leisure Field, or whatever you chose to label it, is an idea for every hunt in need of new members to consider. We have all been new to fox hunting at some point and could’ve benefitted from a mentoring program to learn all about our new pursuit. Experienced members may have had a horse that needs a gentle introduction to their job of field hunter or, like

myself, have an injury where we’ve been banned from the saddle by our medical providers but in need a “hunting fix”. I truly had a delightful time teaching my rookie field members and encouraging them to join us in following the hounds in the future.

Fox Hunting has so many misconceptions. We’re thought of as crazy, running fast, jumping high and traversing through all sorts of treacherous country on a horse that can jump anything. So maybe the “crazy” and “run fast” part is true for some of us. If you want to jump then, yes, your horse would best have that skill. Yet, following the hounds CAN be for the faint of heart! As evidenced by the debut of the Leisure Field we can engage new membership for a whole faction of horse, nature and hound-loving people by offering an introduction that is not overwhelming (ie, frightening!). The Leisure Field is also a superb way to introduce a green horse to the hounds and the hunt or to re-introduce a seasoned horse who is unfit or returning to work after an injury layup.

It just makes so much sense! Too bad I had to break my back to think of it!

And, even after I’m back up in First Field I’ll happily be the Leisure Field Master occasionally to introduce newcomers to the fun world of Red Rock Hounds. Besides, I like those frequent checks with the Whoopie Wagon!

Welcome to our New Members

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To Our Beloved Foxhunting Friends and Family – It is with great sadness that we share with you the passing Gayle Horn, MFH of the Red Rock Hounds, 2002-2011. Master Horn passed peacefully with dignity and grace, at the age of 81, in the home on the ranch that she loved. Gayle was instrumental in the evolution and success of the Red Rock Hounds.

Her home at Ross Creek Ranch is also home to the Red Rock pack, and she will be remembered as the Matriarch of our hunt for years to come.

Gayle's lifelong passion of horses made an incredible impact on both the hunter/jumper world internationally, and the sport of foxhunting. Her dedication and commitment to people and animals taught us all so much about honor, courage, and success. Her mark will remain for generations to come.

Knowing her time was drawing to a close, she accepted the final run with calm resolve, strong purpose, giving herself to others as she had always done throughout her life. She loved life, accepting the sorrows and joys of each day. She left behind many to cherish her memory, and left us a high standard to match.

Gayle Horn cleared life's final fence in perfect form, eyes up, heels down, fearless.

The Ballad of the Foxhunter

*Lay me in a cushioned chair;
Carry me, ye four,
With cushions here and cushions there,
To see the world once more.*

*To stable and to kennel go;
Bring what is there to bring;
Lead my Lollard to and fro,
Or gently in a ring.*

*Put the chair upon the grass:
Bring Rody and his hounds,
That I may contented pass
From these earthly bounds."*

*His eyelids droop, his head falls low,
His old eyes cloud with dreams;
The sun upon all things that grow
Falls in sleepy streams.*

*Brown Lollard treads upon the lawn,
And to the armchair goes,
And now the old man's dreams are gone,
He smooths the long brown nose.*

*And now moves many a pleasant tongue
Upon his wasted hands,
For leading aged hounds and young
The huntsman near him stands.*

*"Huntsman Rody, blow the horn,
Make the hills reply."
The huntsman loosens on the morn
A gay wandering cry.*

*Fire is in the old man's eyes,
His fingers move and sway,
And when the wandering music dies
They hear him feebly say,*

*"Huntsman Rody, blow the horn,
Make the hills reply."
"I cannot blow upon my horn,
I can but weep and sigh."*

*Servants round his cushioned place
Are with new sorrow wrung;
Hounds are gazing on his face,
Aged hounds and young.*

*One blind hound only lies apart
On the sun-smitten grass;
He holds deep commune with his heart:
The moments pass and pass;*

*The blind hound with a mournful din
Lifts slow his wintry head;
The servants bear the body in;
The hounds wait for the dead.*

—W B Yeats

The Silent Auction is coming...

Red Rock Hounds Annual Hunt Ball is our largest fundraiser of the year. A majority of the fundraising comes from the silent and live auctions. This, of course is due to the generosity and creativity of those of you who donate items to be sold, and to those who purchase them. The Masters (and the Hounds) thank you for your support in years past.

The Hunt Ball this year is on April 21, 2012. The event committee is busy organizing a super fun event for all. And to raise a record amount to provide the care for our very special pack of hounds - the "world-famous" Red Rock Hounds!

We need donations of auction items and are reaching out to all of you. Please consider what you may have to donate and also encourage your friends to donate items. The more items and the more variety of items the more money we will raise. Dog food prices are rising and our pack sure eat a lot of kibble!

What types of items are we looking for? That is only limited by your imagination. Goods, services, trips, gift certificates, art – just about anything you can think of. We do ask that items be in new or like-new condition.

Watch our FaceBook page and we'll post some of the items to whet your appetite for the event!

Donations may be left at the following locations:

Blue (Hair Salon)
705 Wells Ave.
Reno, NV 89502

John Schafer
735 So. D St
Virginia City, NV
89440

Red Rock Hounds
25 Spoke Rd.
Reno, NV 89508

REMAX Realty Affiliates
10539 Professional Circle
Suite 100
Reno, NV 89521

Collection is also possible: Please call John Edwards, 775-847-7403.

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*Announcing our new
Joint Master of Fox Hounds
Angela Murray*



Congratulations to Angela
Congratulations to us!

Downton Abbey goes Foxhunting

For those of you who are familiar with PBS Masterpiece Classic, their latest offering *Downton Abbey* follows the residents of the an aristocratic family in the rarified British society of the years just prior to World War I. It is a lavish production beautifully filmed at Highclere Castle west of London. It is available for online viewing for a limited time. One episode features a foxhunt with the Bilsdale Hunt of Yorkshire filling in for their forebearers.

The following are a few interesting tidbits from the website article at *Jane Austin's World*
<http://janeaustensworld.wordpress.com/2011/01/16/the-fox-hunt-from-downton-abbey-back-to-its-origins/> "*Preeminent among these activities was foxhunting, one of the few sports for which there seems to have been no rigidly prescriptive code limiting women's participation. In fact, some women embraced the sport with a zest which was evidently not considered inappropriate. This may be explained in part by the extreme social exclusivity which attended to the leaders of the foxhunting set. Members of the aristocracy and the upper middle classes were probably sufficiently secure in their status to ignore, to some extent, more bourgeoisie notions of respectability...* According to one enthusiast, 200 riders was considered a poor turn out, while few meets attracted less than 100 men and women. A figure of thirty women is given in an account of the Tipperary Hunt in the 1902 season, but the overall evidence is very impressionistic..."

The Kennel Report



Let's get to know some of our awesome hounds.

Zero is our star of the month. Zero is a 6 year old, neutered tricolor hound by RRH Gayle out of Grand Canyon Rita. He's an amazing hunter, very dedicated and easy to recognize from horseback with the "zero" on his back! Look for him next time you are out hunting with the boys!

Unplanned Puppies: AAARF Partners with Red Rock Hounds

Who can resist a puppy? Especially a Red Rock Hound puppy? Even "half" Red Rock Hound pups are ultra-cute! Even when they really aren't wanted!

A Red Rock neighbor's intact male dog found his way into the breeding bitch pen and had himself a real party. About 8 or 9 couple of pups came into this world unplanned but once here, we were committed to taking care of them and ensuring they find their way into homes. The word went out to friends and family of Red Rock which resulted in several adoptions but at about 6 weeks of age, the rest of the darling, wiggling kids had no promise of homes. It

was our responsibility as a breeder to ensure these puppies were spayed/neutered and placed into a good home. We just needed some assistance getting that accomplished. I reached out to Cassie Reeves, a colleague of mine in animal rescue. Cassie runs Auburn Area Animal Rescue (AAARF) and she has extensive experience in placing puppies. Cassie stepped right up to help.

AAARF spayed and neutered all the puppies and put them up for adoption. They were all adopted and last I heard from Cassie all the families were delighted with their new additions. Two puppies did become quite ill prior to adoption. One

recovered but, unfortunately, one did not.

AAARF is a non-profit animal shelter that operates solely on private donations. Please join me in making a donation to AAARF to cover the veterinary expenses for spaying/neutering of the pups and the bills from the sick puppies. Your contributions will be so appreciated!

You can donate online at www.aaarfrescue.org or by mail:

Auburn Area Animal Rescue
Foundation
11940 Masters Court
Auburn, CA 95603

Please note "Red Rock Puppies" on your donation.

The puppies are coming!

Here come the V's and W's and X's. Help name the awesome new pups. A \$100 donation to the Red Rock Hounds Hound Fund will give you naming rights to one of the cutie-pies. And after all... wouldn't it be fun to see your hound on a run?

New Fundraising Opportunity!

SPONSOR A COOP

Have you had a memorable event happen on or near one of the Red Rock coops?

The first coop you ever jumped

You and your significant other met near a coop

You fell in love (or in hate) with your horse at a coop

You did a beautiful "flip" over a coop (with or without your horse)

The coop that is your favorite mounting block

You had your first "view" near a coop

You outran the BLM rangers by jumping a coop

Coop sponsorship is \$50 for one side of the coop. You have naming rights to that coop and a sign will be placed on the coop with the coop name and your name.

I am sponsoring a coop near Campbell Springs and its name will be "Broke Back".

To sponsor a coop email Joy Smith at joy@fieldhaven.com 916-434-6122

Red Rock Classifieds.....

Custom Hunt vests and Stock Ties. Hunt coat repair and alterations. Jane Cozart j@cozartillus.com

Beautiful handstitched leather sandwich cases, wirecutter cases, walkie talkie cases, hunting breastcollars. Jane Cozart j@cozartillus.com

Blanket Repair by Benay
Contact Joy Smith joy@fieldhaven.com 916-434-6122

New 69" winter blanket \$45.00
Misc box of bits (and pieces of tack)
Come paw through and make an offer.
Dianne diannekarp@gmail.com 775-636-6525



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