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Latest News from STR-Revised

Howdy-STR Members,

Ride Wrap Up. The August ride at the Dixie Ranch was a rip-roaring success, certainly one of the best rides we have ever had. Nothing beats soaking in the 109 degree spa water after a hard day's ride. STR has made a \$500 donation to the Ukiah School District and a \$500 donation to the Ukiah Senior Living Center. It would be great if you could take the time to write a thank you note or email to our hosts: Fee & Julie Stubblefield, 401 NE Evans, McMinnville, OR 97128. Fstubblefield@thespringsliving.com. Also, I want to mention the generous donation of a saddle by Harvey Holtz. Kevin Urbach sold it at his shop for \$2,800 taking a 10% commission, leaving a net of \$2,520 for the STR. Thank you Harvey and Kevin.

Ride Gift. Thank you Scott for coming up with the great gift this year. Also, Scott on behalf of the STR, presented Fee & Julie Stubblefield with a special edition of one of the knives from the ride



President's Ride Summary. Scott Weaver's excellent **Ride Summary** appears at the end of this newsletter.

Ride Pictures. It would be great if you would send some pictures of the ride to Glenn McGinnis who is in charge of the STR webpage. His email address is: glenn@cybercityinc.com

STR Webpage. Be sure and check out the STR webpage at www.skylinetrailriders.com. The password is really easy for you hard core drinkers to remember—"long branch". Glenn has done an outstanding job. The web page is a really good resource and I am planning on helping Glen this year to make it even more helpful to the members. Some of you might have copies of the now out-of-print three-ring binder [history of the STR](#). Glen has scanned it and posted on the website so now if available to all to read.

Portrait-Photos of the Members for the STR Webpage. The webpage also has [portrait-photos of many of the members](#). I think that is a really useful feature especially for new members to help them get to know everyone. In the next few weeks I am going to be sending emails to those of you whose picture is currently not on the website to encourage you to submit a picture of yourself for inclusion on the website.

Mark your Calendars.

- **Old Booze Sweetheart Dinner.** November 2, 2019. Hosted by Richard DeWolf at his home at 311 NW 20th Ave. Portland, OR 97209. More information to follow.
- **Spring Dinner.** April 11, 2020. Location yet to be determined
- **2020 Ride.** Dates will be August 5, 2020 to August 9,2020

Current Officers. The officers for 2019-2020 are:

President:	Jim Bruce	jbconstructionpdx@gmail.com
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That's it for now,

Dick Noble
STR Secretary/Treasurer

President's Ride Summary

2019
Dixie Ranch
Umatilla County
Ukiah, Oregon

President: Scott Weaver
Vice President: Jim Bruce
Secretary/Treasurer: Peter Hall
Dates: August 7-11
Caterer: Mundo Catering
Cost of the Ride: \$575.00

This year's ride took place at the *Dixie Ranch*, a gorgeous property owned by Fee & Julie Stubblefield. When Fee and I first met, I immediately sensed his appreciation for our ride's tradition as he generously accommodated our group and offered suggestions to create a truly memorable experience for the club.

Fee invited Jim Bruce and I to his lodge at Lehman Hot Springs for a brief interview regarding our club. I've never met someone with so much enthusiasm as Fee. He showed us several sites that would work, and after mulling over the many excellent camp spots on his property, we finally determined that his personal ranch *The Dixie* would be best for our group.

Dixie Ranch came complete with stables for the rental horses, incredible views, plenty of shade, and amazing access to Fee's expansive property that allowed us to ride straight out of camp.

He was also incredibly gracious to let one of our oldest members, 96-year-old Judge Ted Goodwin, use his hunting bunkroom, which was close to the Long Branch and cook tent.

Just when I thought I might have secured one of the best locations in STR history, Fee sweetened the deal a little bit more. As a bonus, Fee offered the use of Lehman Hot Springs, a beautiful natural hot spring in the heart of the Umatilla National Forest, complete with three heated soaking pools, and what I'm told is the largest outdoor swimming pool in Umatilla County. After a day in the saddle, nothing beats a long soak in a natural hot spring to sooth and replenish.

For me, one sign of a good ride is when no one gets seriously hurt. We had only two incidents this year. One being Gary Nannini who, after a long first night of whooping-it-up, fell to his knees the following morning during breakfast. Some of us thought he had a stroke, but our resident urologist determined it wasn't. After lying flat on his back for a couple of hours with no relief I drove him to the Pendleton hospital. There he was diagnosed with a mild hangover and a nasty case of viral labyrinthitis, commonly known as vertigo.

The real buckaroo award however, goes to Gregg Mohnen. Greg won the title this year not because he got bucked off his horse, but because he stayed in the saddle as his horse rolled over twice, with him in the saddle all the while.

Wednesday night we enjoyed our first ever STR Joke-Off competition, featuring a pair of embroidered leather STR saddlebags for the grand prizewinner. We had quite a few participants who told a mix of funny, questionable, and downright disgusting jokes. After many laughs and plenty of heckling, the impartial judges unanimously awarded the STR saddlebags to Jeff Johnson for his cunning recount of Tarzan and Jane's first adult encounter.

After a hard day's ride on Friday, the wranglers and a handful of cowpokes went into town to whoop-it-up at the local watering hole called *The Thicket*. Many tequila shots were had by all, and to top it off, the bartender challenged Jason Fargher (one of our wranglers) to arm wrestling. Let's just say, Jason did not let The Skyline Trail Riders down. This was captured on video <https://vimeo.com/358791626> and the password is "long branch"

One of the highlights for me every year is the STR Band, and this year was no exception. Not only did the band keep the riders entertained with lively country classics, but risked life and limb as they played on while lightning struck, and thunder pounded all around them. A special thanks to Kurt Silva, Marti Gilbard, Skyler Weaver, Jim Goodwin and solos by James Clement on the keyboard.

This year's gift to the riders was a razor sharp Santoku 7" chef knife, etched with *Dixie Ranch 2019* on one side and the *Skyline Trail Riders* logo on the other side. I was somewhat hesitant to give out the knives after a 3-hour long happy hour at the Long Branch. But I was pleasantly surprised when the riders handled their new knives responsibly for the most part. To my knowledge only one member cut himself that night while testing the edge of his new blade doing backhand samurai chops on a few full cans of cold beer.

Thank you to everyone who came out to ride this year. It was one for the record books. If there's one thing I can leave you with as the theme of this year's ride, it's this: we're not here for a long time, we're here for a good time. I hope the ride lived up to that saying for all of you.

Scott Weaver

Members

1. Scott Weaver (President)
2. Jim Bruce (Vice President)

3. Peter Hall (Secretary/Treasurer)
4. Chris Benware
5. John Bishop
6. Matt Bordonaro
7. Jimmy Bruce
8. Bob Buck
9. Carl Burnham III (Old Bull)
10. Chase Burnham IV
11. Carl Burnham Jr.
12. Grant Carroll
13. Mike Chamness (Old Bull)
14. Paul Chamness
15. Bubba Clement
16. Nic Corbett
17. Bob Cowling
18. Gary Davis (Old Bull)
19. Ken Davis (Old Bull)
20. Kevin Director
21. Marty Gelbard
22. Ted Goodman
23. Colton Goodwin
24. Jim Goodwin (Old Bull)
25. Walter Grebe
26. Macgregor Hall
27. Scott Hawes (Old Bull)
28. David Hayhurst G.
29. David Hayhurst M.
30. Mike Herrick
31. Steve Hopkins (Old Bull)
32. David Horstkotte
33. Jeff Johnson
34. Peter Lynn
35. John Magaddino
36. Glen McGinnis
37. Greg Mohnen
38. Gary Nannini
39. Dick Noble
40. Ralph Osvold
41. Michael Phinney (Old Bull)
42. Brad Preble
43. Mark Preble
44. Wallace Preble
45. John Skakel
46. Mick Skillern (Old Bull)
47. Jeremy Starr (Old Bull)
48. Brent Strumbaugh (Old Bull)
49. Duke Walton II (Old Bull)
50. Skyler Weaver
51. John Williams
52. John Wise
53. Jim Wood
54. Kurt Silva (Musician)
55. Paul Wilson (Wrangler)
56. Jason Fargher (Wrangler)

57. Denny Sveen (Wrangler)

Guests

1. Mark Meadows
2. James Yaker
3. Will Lee
4. Chase McPherson
5. Mike Malone
6. Austin Smith (Best Bartender)
7. Bill Sharpe
8. Peter Sharpe
9. David Hansen
10. Petieco Lynn
11. Kenny Benz
12. Kevin Urbach
13. Dan Christ
14. Mike Wallis
15. Will Bishop (Best Trail Hand)
16. Blake Hering
17. Brooks Hering
18. Jon Lee
19. Pete Caster
20. Laird McCabe (Wrangler)
21. Santos (Wrangler)
22. Cole Fargher (Wrangler)