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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

After two long years of Covid, our 2022 riders responded with enthusiasm to the call of the Canadian Rockies and the freedom associated with the great outdoors. All the rides were sold out. The summer had exceptional weather, and the outfitters did their utmost to ensure everyone had a memorable ride!

As we look ahead to next year we cannot think of any other Canadian trail riding Society as old as ours. TRCR was conceived in 1923 and envisioned as an organization that would promote a fellowship of riders from all over the world. We are now looking forward to celebrating a once in a lifetime event – the Centennial of the Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies.

Next year will be one to remember with a Gala celebration, exhibit at the Whyte Museum, screening of a documentary highlighting trail horses, publication of a coffee table book and other projects. We are just finalizing our ride offering and will be announcing details as soon as we can.

To help get in the mood please check out the newsletter on page 8 and our website for our snazzy line of merchandise.

Everyone associated with TRCR either as a rider, descendant of a rider, outfitter, wrangler, or a volunteer are invited to the Gala. Please send us an email with your contact information we will send you an invitation.

Please watch the website for dates and details. We are looking forward to seeing you in 2023

Happy Trails,
TRCR Board of Directors



Visit our [website](#) for details



Be Our Guest

to the Centennial Gala Celebration

**Past riders, Ride workers, Outfitters,
Volunteers, Descendants of past members**

July 15th, 2023 in Banff.



Whyte Museum archives - TRCR circa

Once in a hundred years

Participation in this historic event is by invitation only
Send your contact information email us at admin@trail-rides.ca

The Safest Place on Earth

By Dennis Orr

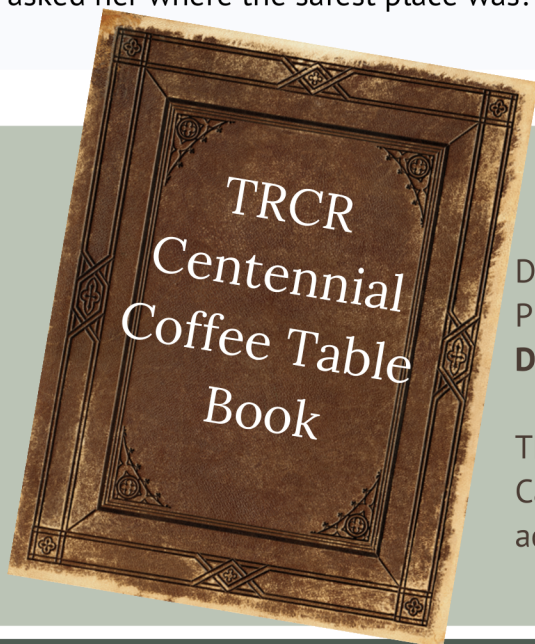
The Trail Riders camped on Johnstone Creek in the summer of 1985. On that trip, I was both an Emcee and a guide. I quickly got to know all of the riders, including a little girl called Aimee. She was just 7 years Old. On the first day, I stayed close to her on the ride and started by leading her horse. But by the time we arrived at the camp, she was handling her horse well, and I let her ride on her own.



On the following day of the ride, we went up the mountain slope to Quinlan Lake. It was very steep, and the trail zig-zagged up the side of the mountain with some very steep slopes where the horses were scrambling. The riders were leaning forward and hanging on to their horse's mane to keep from falling off.

I was just behind Aimee when she suddenly started to cry in distress. It was just too much for her. I halted the line, rode up beside her, grabbed her around her waist, and lifted her over behind me on my horse. Her Dad grabbed the lead halter shank of her horse, and we continued up the mountain to Quinlan Lakes.

All the way up, Aimee glued herself to my back, with her arms tight around my waist. When we got to the top and the trail levelled off, I asked her how she was doing? She said she was fine and said: "This is the second safest place on earth." I was surprised that I was in second place and asked her where the safest place was? Her answer was: "Home in bed."



Do you have a story similar to the one Dennis shared? Please consider sending it to reneetr-cr@gmail.com before **December 31st**.

The Centennial book will tell stories of what it is to ride the Canadian Rockies, including all of the small and big adventures that help create unforgettable memories.

Why I Kept Coming Back

43 years of TRCR Memories in a nutshell



Wow! It is indeed exhilarating to see TRCR celebrate 100 years. We made it! What an achievement, what a testament to all those volunteers who have come before and the crew that have mustered us through the recent years. Thank you all!

I'm looking at this beautiful commemorative buckle and I cherish it as I cherish this organization and all it's stood for over the years. I started riding in 1980 when my dear friend Joel Lipkind introduced me to TRCR. I treasure all the wonders and joys it has brought me since. Back in those days there were up to 32 guests on every ride and 10 rides a summer.

From the beginning, I've been involved as: a boots on the ground volunteer, on camp erection and tear-down teams, a board member with a few years stints as "Pres", and the most fun as a camp host and musician.

In 2019, at 72, and after 34 official rides and many more unofficial ones, I begrudgingly had to retire from all riding after major back surgery.

Be that as it may, I have thousands of pics, memories, and many related friendships to carry me.

My greatest joys? The drug free John Denver style "Rocky Mountain Highs":

- I was born and raised in the Cranbrook Rocky Mountains and still marvel at their majesty to this day. The call to visit them is ever present. One "High" being a sort of brain freeze from dipping your head in a pool of glacial Rocky Mountain water on a hot summer day tops the list below.
- The quieting of my mind and soul every time within 5 minutes of our string of horses clip clopping out from the trailhead. We were on our way to 1st camp. The hustle and bustle of city life and job were behind me. Take a deep breath of that fresh Mountain air and savour it. For 6 glorious days, no more honking horns, no more sirens, no more rush, rush, rush. Just clip, clop, clip, clop, clip.... And, yes, thank God, cell phone service was soon lost.

- The OMG spectacular views: of and from the high mountain peaks and passes, the glorious meadows and the sparkling crystal clear lakes, the rushing streams and falls, the tree types, the field-size bouquets of wild flowers and berries, of 100s of white glistening elk horns in a meadow, of what's around the next corner and of course a bunch of horses asses (less than a handful total in my experience that were human).
- The amazing wild animals albeit often elusive: Goats, Sheep, Moose, Elk, Deer, Grizzlies, Black Bears, Marmots and all the little critters. Never saw a Wolf but heard their eerie calls on a foggy day in Waterton.
- And people: glorious guests from all around the world – so varied, so interesting; And the wonderful/caring/talented outfitter staffs who kept us safe and kept us Mmm fed.
- Riding and hiking, lunching and napping (in the warm sun), chatting and laughing, , horse bonding and just horsin' around, TeePee Town and meals, playing and singing, "skit-ting" and square dancing, firepits and gazing into the flames, starry starry skies and bright moons.

Awww yes, these were a few of my favourite things.

Congrats to TRCR and thanks for playing such a hugely important roll in my life.

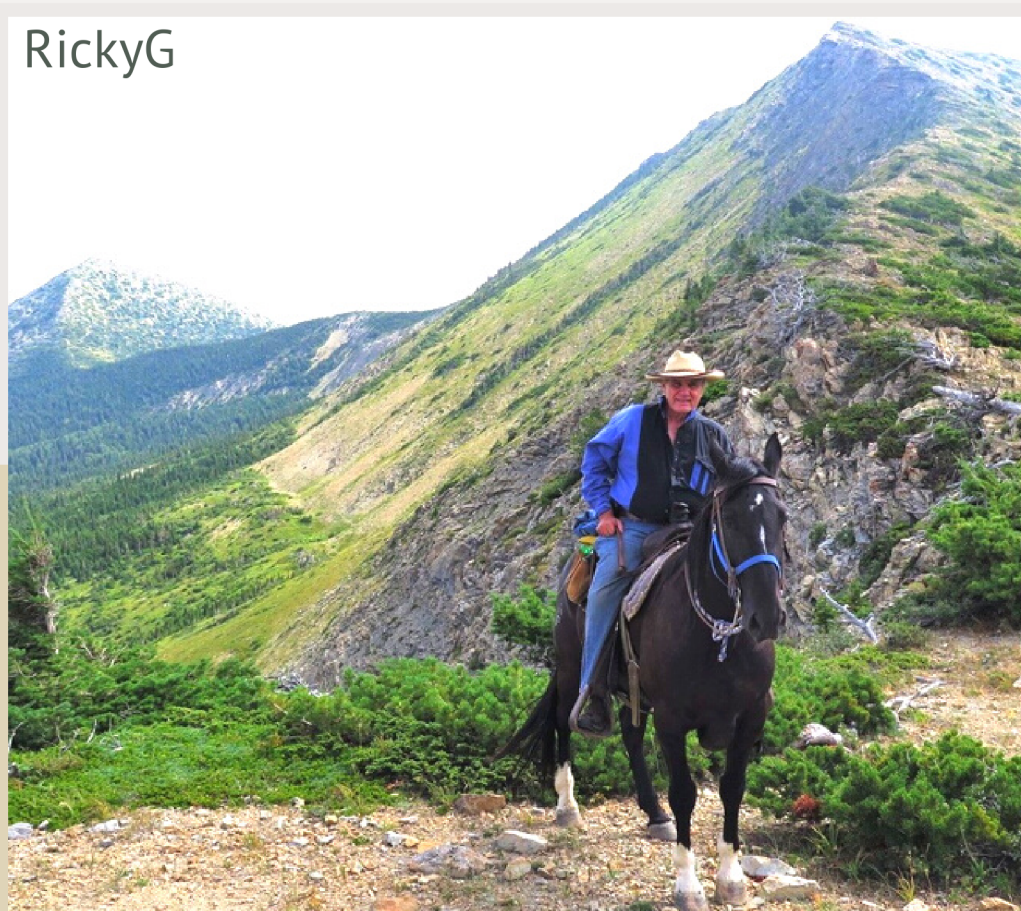


Photo by Rick Godderis, Circa 2005

Photo Contest

Deadline to submit your photos - March 31st, 2023

What's in a winning photo

The WOW factor is what makes a picture stand out. It may be in part technique, but is usually due to having a new or unusual subject or an old subject presented in a different way. Photos should epitomize riding with Trail Riders of the Canadian Rockies: horses, riders, staff, camp, activities, campfires, fun, and mountain scenery.

Please note that all entries become the property of the TRCR for use in our calendar, postcards, albums or advertising.



Winning photos are technical good, sharp, in focus, good exposure, great composition. Photos should be of high resolution.



Photo by Judy Fleetham, 2021

Two ways to send your photos:

By email as attachments to admin@trail-rides.ca

Note: You may only be able to send a couple picture per email due to their size. If so, identify your emails (i.e. email 1,2, 3, etc.).

To upload to the TRCR Google Drive click on the category(ies) of your choice:

2022-TRCR Photo Competition - [Fun in Camp](#)

2022-TRCR Photo Competition - [On the Trail](#)

2022-TRCR Photo Competition - [Scenic Views](#)

2022-TRCR Photo Competition - [Fauna and Flora](#)

2022-TRCR Photo Competition - [People and/or Horses](#)

Each pictures should be saved in the category of your choice and identified with your name.

If you have problem uploading your photo, please email ReneeTRCR@gmail.com

If you have any questions about the competition, please email jfleetham@shaw.ca

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