

2021 TAT JOURNAL (2050E)
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INTERESTING OTHER TO THE 2021 TAT
DE, AS THE COVID 19 PANDEMIC WAS WANSING,
AND MOST RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO GATHERINGS IN
A HAD BEEN LIFTED. PAUL & ELEN MALONEY, ALONG
WITH NICK & CAM SCROEDER BID THE BULK OF THE
ANNING, ASSISTED BY BILL AND LINDA TARE
E 2020 RIDE AND LOCATIONS WERE LEFT IN
ACE WITH SOME MINOR REVISIONS. THE GROUP
DICATION TIME AND EFFORT TO ANOTHER "ON LINE"
ATION THAT RAISED MORE FUNDS THAN OUR
ADITIONAL TABLES. A FUNDRAISER AT THE
OSE IN MARDAN IN FEBRUENY HAS RAISED APPROX
0000, SO WE WERE OFF TO A GOOD START WITH FUND RAIS
" WAS BUSY AT WORK BUT COMMITTED TO THE TRIP,
ANNING TO ARRIVE A DAY EARLY, BUT DUE TO THE
CHEDULE OF MIKE BAIRD'S FUNERAL (FOR WHICH
WAS A FULL BEAKER) I PACKED UP AND LEFT
FRIDAY, MAY 21ST AND STAYED IN WARDEN AT
E & PAUL WOULD'S PLACE. THE FUNERAL WAS SIB,
WILLY & RECEIVED A STORY AT THE FUNERAL, AND
E FOLLOWING NIGHT WAS FILLED WITH FELLOWSHIP,
ITHING WITH FRIENDS⁺, TONSING TO MIKE'S MEMORY,
T WAS GREAT THAT PAUL AND JEFF PUT ME
MY HORSE UP FOR THE NIGHT THEY HAD
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY HOME AND SHOWED
GENEROUS HOSPITALITY

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021

CHIFF, LINDY, TIM J, & I LEFT EARLY AT 7:00 AM,
AND HAD AN UNHEVENTFUL TRIP WITH LINDY CROSSING
THE ROUTE. WE ARRIVED AT THE TAMARACK HORSE
CAMP AT 2:15 PM. THE GREETING TABLE WAS
WELL STAFFED WITH NICK & CAM SCROEDER, PAUL & ELEN
MALONEY, & BILLY LINDA TARE. AFTER A SHORT ORIENTATION
HORSES WERE SADDLED AND WE RODE OUT OF CAMP
ALONG WOODED TRAILS SHORTLY AFTER 3:00 PM. THE
TRAILS WERE AWESOME, WITH LUSH TREES AND
UNDERBRUSH NESTLED ALONG THE TAMARACK RIVER
WITH A SERIES OF SINGLE WIDE TRAILS. TRECENT
TRAINS HAD MADE EVERYTHING GREEN AND THE FRESH
SCENT OF PINE AND BIRCH WERE EVIDENT. THE
GROUP OF 28 RIDERS WERE DIVIDED INTO THREE
GROUPS WITH ASSIGNED LEADERSHIP OF NICK,
PAUL, & MATT. THE RIVER HA A FAIRLY STRONG
CURRENT, 3-4' DEEP WITH A ROCKY BOTTOM AND
WAS 1250' WIDE AT THE CROSSING. WE MEANDERED
THROUGH THE TREES CROSSING THE RIVER ON 4
SEPARATE OCCASIONS. ALL RIDERS ENJOYED THE TRAILS
AND SCENERY AS WE CLIMBED TO THE RIDGES THEN
BACK DOWN AND ACROSS THE RIVER. WE KEPT BACK
IN CAMP BY 6:00 PM, THEN ALL GATHERED AT THE
PAVILION FOR A POTLUCK SUPPER THAT PROVIDED
MORE THAN ENOUGH FOR ALL TO EAT AND SATISFY

SAT 5-21 CONTINUED

A CAMPFIRE FOLLOWED WITH 20 OR SO OF
AROUNDS THE FIRE, TELLING STORIES, SINGING,
D VISITING. LISA BURNING AND SON LANE JOINED
S AND NICK REMINDS OF PREVIOUS RIBES
S WELL AS DETAILS OF THE PRESENT RIBE
ERE DISCUSSED. THE REAPER WAS PRESENT
ITH VERY FEW BUGS OR MOSQUITOES. THIS WAS
DAY THAT I HAD LOOKED FORWARD TO FOR
VEN A YEAR, AND IT EXCEEDED ALL MY
RPECTATIONS. THIS IS A GREAT PLACE TO BE
ITH GREAT SCENERY. THE FOREST ARE WELL
PLANTED AND WELL LED AND ENJOYED. I AM
MAKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT FEW DAYS
E ROPING AND FELLOWSHIP WITH THIS
SPECIAL TST FAMILY.

38 RIBES 8 MILES

SUNDAY, MAY 23 2021

THE DAY WAS COOLER, EVEN A BIT CHILLY. CHURCH
WAS HELD AT 10:30 AM WITH AMANDA QUIST
OFFICIATING. SHE TOLD A STORY THAT INCLUDED A
TRAIL RIDE, AND THE STORY HAD A RELIGIOUS THEME
WE WERE ON THE TRAIL SOON AFTER. IT WAS A
8 MILE TRAIL THAT TRAVERSED US ON HARBOR TRAILS
THROUGH THE FOREST AND ACROSS THE THUNDER RIVER TO
A LOOKOUT AREA CALLED PINE POINT. NICK MADE
HOT DOGS AND ALL AT THEIR FILL AND ENJOYED THE
SCENIC VIEW THAT TOOK IN MILES OF RIVER AS WELL
AS THE VALLEY AND RIDGES FILLED WITH LUSH
TREES AND GREEN FOLIAGE. TREES WERE A MIXTURE
OF OAK, BIRCH, BALSAM AND PINE. MANY NEW TREES
HAD BEEN PLANTED AS A STORM A FEW YEARS PAST
HAD DESTROYED MANY OF THE MATURE TREES.
BACK AT CAMP, THERE WAS MUCH VISITING IN
A FEW SMALL GROUPS. I TIED IN WITH DAVE, TONY,
NICK, CAM, PAUL, EDDY, JENNA, KEVIN, & LANE. LOTS OF
FUN FELLOWSHIP AROUND THEIR CAMPFIRE. JIM AND
I WERE INVITED TO ECOY (TM) AND JOSIE'S TRAILER
FOR A DELICIOUS MEAL OF RIBS AND PRIME RIB.
SON IS A GREAT COOK AND NEIGHBOR. THEY HAVE
A 65' MOTOR HOME. DOUG AND ANHLY LYSFORD
INVITED ME TO SLEEP IN THEIR CAMPER INSTEAD OF
MY HORSE TRAILER, AND I WAS PLEASED WITH THESE
ACCOMMODATIONS. THE LYSFORDS & THEIR WIVES ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE

M. 35 RIDERS, 18 MILES

MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021

BUT WARMER TODAY, WITH A NICE BREEZE TO COOL THE HORSES. WE WERE ON THE TRAIL TO DANBURY WISCONSIN SHORTLY AFTER 8:00 AM, A GAIN BEING DIVIDED INTO 3 SEPARATE GROUPS, THE TRAIL A GAIN TO US ALONG THE RIVER AND PAST BUS POINT, THEN TO CONNECTING TRAILS THAT TOOK US TO A BRIDGE ACROSS THE ST CROIX RIVER AND INTO WISCONSIN. THE ENERGY THIS DAY WAS EXQUISITE WITH COUNTLESS POWERS INCLUDING YELLOW LADY SLIPPERS IN FULL BLOOM. DENCE OF THE PREVIOUS STORM PROVIDED MANY LOGS AND DECAYING TREES, ~~THE~~ MANY OF WHICH HAD BEEN MOVED TO OPEN THE TRAILS. THE TRACE ALONG THE TREES WAS BRISK, AND HAD US TO THE NEXT TOWN OF DANBURY BY 10:30 AM. THE LEGION CLUB WAS VERY ACCOMODATING AND SERVED UP MEASUREMENTS AND GREAT TASTING BURGERS. REPRESENTIVES OF FAITH LODGE WERE PRESENT AND THOUGH THE GROUP FOR THE RECENT \$500 DONATION THAT WOULD BE USED TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT. MY MOTHER & SISTER WERE PRESENT AND WERE INVOLVED IN SHOWING A GAG PHOTO OF JULIE & I. I HAD A BULL PASS INSIDE THE LEGION ON MY BELT, THEN ALL STAYED BACK FOR CAMP. THE TRIP WAS ENJOYABLE, THIS TIME CROSSING THE MANNER RIVER 8 TIMES. MY HORSE WENT DOWN

IN A DEEP WASH, BUT I MANAGED TO STAY ABOARD, ALTHOUGH WITH WET FEET AND JEANS. THE WARMER AFTERNOON TEMPERATURES QUICKLY DROVE MY CLOTHES AS NERVE MADE TAKES. BACK AT CAMP WE VISITED ABOUT A POSSIBLE RIDE NEXT YEAR, AND MADE PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEXT DAY WHICH INCLUDED A MOVE TO ST CROIX STATE PARK. JIM & I WERE AGAIN TREATED TO SUPPER PROVIDED BY DON & ECOLYSE & THEIR WIVES, THIS TIME FEASTING ON PRIME RIB SANDWICHES COUPLED WITH BEANS, AND FRESH POTATOES. A BIT OF CAMPFIRE WORK AND VISITING, THEN IN BED BY 11:00 PM, REMINISCING ABOUT THE GREAT DAY OF RIDING AND FELLOWSHIP

DUG & KAREN, LYS FORD, SALLY & JAKE, PAUL, ERIN, CHRIS, MALONEY, NICK, CAM, ARCHIE, HONOR, SCARLETT, DAVE, DANA, JADEN, JENSEN, TOBY, AMANDA, JADA, OQUIST, MONA, PEG, TWINING, VERA, TARE, ECKLUND, ASHLEY, GEORGE & TOBY, JONKOH, KEVIN, JENNA, LANE, BUTLER, CAMPBELL, SCHOLZ
 17 MILES, 21 RIDERS
 TUESDAY, MAY 25 2021

WE DUNNED THE EARLIER HOURS OF THE MORNING AND
 WERE BY 5:30 AM WHEN I CHECKED & FEB MY HORSE.
 THE SANDY SOIL QUICKLY DRANK UP THE INCH OR SO OF
 RAIN AND THE HUMIDITY WAS CLOSE TO 90%. JIMMY & I
 RIMMED DUG & ELON FOR A LARGE BUT QUICK BREAKFAST,
 THEN I SADDLED UP & CLEARED THE CAMPING AREA.
 THIS WAS A MOVING DAY, SO WE HAD THE TRAILER TO
 THE STAGING AREA WELL BEFORE 8:00 AM. LINDY,
 BOB, AND BILL ORGANIZED DRIVERS FOR THE TRIPS,
 AND WE WERE JOINED BY 3 PARK VOLUNTEERS. GREAT
 RIDING WEATHER THIS DAY THAT TOOK US THROUGH
 THE TAMMARA PARK AND INTO THE ST CROIX STATE
 PARK. WE RODE THE HIGHER TRAILS FIRST FOR
 A BREAK. WE HAD A NICE BREAK AT THE BANK OF
 THE SCENIC ST CROIX RIVER. SALLY & JAKE PROVIDED
 LUNCH OF SANDWICHES, CHIPS, AND DRINKS AT
 THE HALLWAY POINT. JIMMY BROUGHT THE TRAILER
 WITH WATER AND THE HORSES DRANK HEARTILY,
 THE HOT TEMP AND HIGH HUMIDITY HAD THEM
 THIRSTY. WE RODE PAST A GREAT PIT WHERE
 THE OWNER HAD SHUT DOWN OPERATIONS UNTIL
 THE PASSES. THE TRAILS THROUGH THE ST
 CROIX STATE PARK WERE WIDER AND OPEN,
 AS THEY APPEARED SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE
 DURING THE WINTER MONTHS. THE RIDE WENT

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2021 CONT'D

WELL WITH ONE HORSE GETTING A CUT THAT
 WAS QUICKLY TENDED TO. WE ARRIVED AT THE
 ST CROIX CAMPGROUND AT 2:30 PM AND A SHORT
 RAIN SHOWER HAPPENED AS WE TENDED THE STOCKS,
 THE HORSES WERE PUT IN THE CORRALS, AND
 MANY OF US SHOWERED IN THE NICE FACILITIES.
 SALLY & JAKE PROVIDED THE EVENING MEAL OF
 TACOS WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS. AFTER SUPPER
 EACH PERSON INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AND TALKED ABOUT
 THE RIDE, PERSONS IMPRESSED BY IT, AND THEIR
 INVOLVEMENT IN THE ORGANIZATION. SALLY & JAKE
 TOLD OF HER LIFE SAVING LIVER THAT WAS NOW 94
 YEARS OLD, 12 YEARS OLDER THAN HER, TOBY & GEORGE
 SPOKE OF THE PASSING OF SON BLAKE, AND THE FRIEND
 SAID DEVELOPED WITH HIS HEART RECIPIENT, I SPOKE
 OF MY SON-IN-LAW DAVID'S TWO LIVER TRANSPLANTS.
 THERE WERE FEW DRY EYES WHEN PAUL & ERIN
 TALKED ABOUT THE PASSING AND ORGAN DONATIONS
 OF THEIR DAUGHTER LAUREN, AND THE HEALING THAT
 HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY THE TUT GROUP. MANY
 OTHER TESTIMONIALS WERE GIVEN. THERE WAS MUCH
 FELLOWSHIP AROUND THE INDOOR CAMPFIRE WITH MANY
 POEMS: PAUL'S MOTHER & SISTER LAVGATED HEARTILY
 AT THE "BIRCH" STORY. DUG & ELON, LYS FORD, BROUGHT
 OUT WINE & BOOZY TO SHARE. PAUL BROUGHT

WEDNESDAY 5.25.2021 CONT

SOME LOCALLY BREWED MORTONSHIRE WHICH WAS CONSUMED. THIS WAS A GREAT NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP, SNAKING, AND VISITING WITH THE BULK OF THE GROUP TURNING IN AROUND MIDNIGHT. THE GROUP WAS A BIT SADDENED, AS MONK, PEG, KEVIN, JENNA, LANE, SALLY, AND TARE HAD TO LEAVE. EACH OF THEM ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE TRASHY TRANSPORTS INITIATIVE. AN

21 RIDERS, 24 MILES.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26TH

A COOLER MORNING WITH AT 50 DEGREES AND A FORECAST HIGH OF 60°. ALL WERE SADDLED UP BY 8:30 AM FOR OUR 24 MILE TRIBE TO AND FROM THE BAR-GRIFF AT CLOVERDALE. MY SADDLE HAD BEEN TAKEN BY PAUL & NICK AS A PRACTICAL JOKE AND HAD A ~~SMALL~~ FOR SEE SIGN ATTACHED. THE RIDE TOOK US GENERALLY WEST AND NORTH FROM THE CAMPING GROUND ON A COMBINATION OF TRAILS AND FARM ROADS TO CLOVERDALE. THE OWNER OF THE BAR-GRIFF WAS A YOUNGER LADY THAT WELCOMES US AND HAS WATER AND BITCHING TISSIS REORDERED. THE BEER WAS COLD AND THE GOOD BULKED BREAK MEAL WAS EXCEPTIIONALLY GOOD. ASHLEY'S DAUGHTER ROSE HIR TONY INTO THE BAR AS DID TONY & I. JULIE WILL NOT BE IMPRESSED! - THE 12 MILE RETURN TRIP WAS TAKEN AT A RELATIVELY SLOW PACE HAVING US BACK AT CAMP BY 4:30. THE HOUSES WERE COOLED, FEED AND WATERED JUST AS SUPPER WAS SERVED. THE MEAL CONSISTED OF ROAST BEEF, MINEAHOVI, & SALADS, ALL PROVIDED BY THE NORTHVIEW BANK OF HINKLEY. I TOOK A SHORT NAP THEN CAUGHT UP ON A FEW WORK EMAILS BEFORE JOINING THE EVENING CAMPFIRES. BILL AND LINDA HAD LEFT FOR A FUNERAL IN BISMARCK WITH PLANS TO RETURN ON FRIDAY. THEY HAVE BEEN A WONDERFUL ASSET

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AND HELP, STRONGLY COMMITTED TO THAT, AND
LOOK FORWARD TO THEIR RETURN. MOST
WENT IN A BIT EARLY THIS NIGHT, BUT
LINDY, MYSELF, SUE & THE LYSFORDS KEPT
THE CAMPFIRE BUSY WITH STORIES AND
SINGING UNTIL MIDNIGHT. THE EVENING
WAS COOLED AND THE LIKELY HOOD OF TEAN WAS
EVIDENT. ANOTHER GREAT DAY FOR THE
AND THE WELCOME AT CLOVERDALE AND THE
FINDING TEAMS WERE PROVIDED GREAT
MEMORIES TO OUR THT SAGA.

MELISSA & CHLOE HORRATH / JOINED TODAY.
ANDY & HEATHER GURZIK
KIM CARLSON, TINA HEART, SUE
ERICA & AUSTIN STAPEK
GRACE & MELISSA HORRATH

15 RIDERS 12 MILES

THURSDAY, MAY 27th 2021

AS PREDICTED COOLETERS AND RAIN SET IN JUST
AFTER 2:00 AM, DISSIPATING AROUND 5:00 AM. THE
THREATENING SKY AND FORECAST INDICATED MORE
RAIN TO COME DURING THE DAY. THE PLANS
FOR THE DAY WERE HORSE ORIENTED GAMES
IN THE AM AND ^{A 15 MILE} SCAVENGER HUNT IN THE AFTER-
NOON. SOON AGAIN HAD BREAKFAST PREPARED
EARLY, SO MANY STOPPED TO VISIT TEAT. ASHLEY
STOPPED BY TO SAY SHE WAS LEAVING. WE WERE
JOINED BY MELISSA & GIACQUE HORRATH, ANDY & HEATHER
GURZIK, KIM CARLSON, TINA HEART, SUE & AUSTIN STAPEK,
GRACE & MELISSA HORRATH. WE PARTICIPATED IN A
TRAIL TYPE EVENT THAT PROVED TO BE BOTH
CHALLENGING AND ENTERTAINING. LUNCH WAS
PROVIDED BY THE LOCAL FOOD CENTER, AND WAS
ENJOYED IN THE WATER & DRY TRAIL CENTER. AS A
LIGHT AND GENERAL RAIN SET IN. THE RAIN SUB-
SIDED JUST AFTER 2:00 PM AND WE PARTICIPATED IN THE
SCAVENGER HUNT WHICH CONSISTED OF FINDING
9 OBJECTS ALONG A 15 MILE TRAIL. OUR TEAM
(CLIFF, SUE, PAUL, ERIN AND DANA) WERE SUCCESSFUL
IN FINDING ALL LOCATIONS AND EARNED 1st PRIZE
FOR OUR EFFORTS. WE WERE BACK IN CAMP
BY 6:00 PM, THEN ENJOYED A DELICIOUS MEAL
OF CORNED BEEF, CHICKEN & ALL THE TRIMMINGS.

THURSDAY, 5-27, 2021 CONT'D.

AM AFTER SUPPER GATHERING WAS FEED AND WAS AWARDED A "HORSES ASS" TROPHY, AN TION THAT WAS CLEARLY PRE-PLANNED AND RE-DETERMINED. THE WARM, INSIDE FIRE PT US WARM AND DRY UNTIL 10:00 PM 12:50, THEN ^{MOST} HEADED FOR THE BEDS. IVE HELM & I WERE THE LAST TO LEAVE, LONG TRAILING, THIS TIME JOINED BY PAUL, ERIN, NICK & CAM. A COMPLETELY UNJOYABLE DAY, WITH US TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE 4 OR 5 HOURS OF NO TRAIN. -

21 RIDERS 20 MILES -

~~FRIDAY~~ FRIDAY, 5-28-2021

A COLD MORNING, AHS AS USUAL, SOEYI WERE FIRST UP TO FEED OUR HORSES AND S. HOWER, RYAN, SAMANTHA AND JACOB ^{GERLACH} HAD ARRIVED IN THE EARLY MORNING HORSES AND WERE WELCOMED BY ALL. A SMALL RODEO OCCURRED AS WHEN SAMANTHA SADDLED DENG'S SMALL GELDING. SAMANTHA AND JACOB HAD GROWN MUCH SINCE BEING AT OUR TRACT 2 YEARS AGO. - THEY ARE A GREAT FAMILY NOW LIVING IN COLUMBUS, MONTANA. ALL WERE SADDLED AND ON THE TRAIL BY 8:00 AM, FOLLOWING OUR TRADITIONAL MORNING PRAYER. WE FOLLOWED THE MATTHEW LOUISE TRAIL TO THE KETTER RIVER (WHERE SIN, THE PAPES, AND A FEW OTHERS JOINED TO TAKE PICTURES AND VIDEO OF THE CROSSING, WHICH WAS 250' LONG, ~~WAS~~ 3' DEEP, WITH STRONG CURRENT AND A CHALLENGING ROCK BOTTOM. ALL RODES AND HORSES NAVIGATED THE CROSSING WITH EASE, AND RELIEF WAS EVIDENT ON PAUL & NICK WHO WERE ANXIOUS ABOUT THE CROSSING. THE REMAINING 10 MILES TOOK US THROUGH A SERIES OF BOGGY TRAILS, SOME HAVING GROWN OVER AND PROVIDING A SINGLE TRACK. TADA MET UP WITH US AT THE 15 MILE MARK AND PROVIDED SNACKS AND BEVERAGES, THE REMAINDER OF THE RIDE WAS LIGHT-HEAVED,

FRIDAY 5-28-2021 CONT'D

MOSTLY DUE TO THE SUCCESSFUL KENTZLE
RIVER CROSSING, WE ARRIVED AT THE
CHENGWATANA TRAIL HEADS AND CELEBRATED
OUR SUCCESSFUL DAY. JULIE TEXTED PAUL AND
WAS ON THE PHONE WHEN HE WAS PRESENTED
WITH THE TROOPED PANTIES FOR HIS INAPPROPRIATE
PICTURE THAT MADE IT TO FACEBOOK. AFTER AN
OROL OR SO OF CELEBRATING, TIM, I, & CLIFF
ROVE TO PINE CITY, SET UP COCKTAILS, THEN
SET UP WITH LINDY AND THE TAPES FOR A
DELICIOUS SUPPER AT THE LEGION CLUB. THE
PAPES & LINDY HAD BEEN SAMPLING AT THE LOCAL
WINERY AND WERE IN FINE FORM. BACK AT
THE FAIRGROUND WE VISITED AND ENJOYED THE
EVENING, THIS WAS A GREAT DAY OF RIDING
& COOL WEATHER AND LIMITED MOSQUITOS. A
SENSE OF RELIEF AND CELEBRATION WAS
EVIDENT WITH ONLY 12 MILES REMAINING UNTIL
THE FINAL EVENT. MY PRAYER WAS ONE
OF THANKS FOR SAFETY ON THE TRAIL AND
THE WONDERFUL FOLKS AND FELLOWSHIP
UPHOLDING THE TRAILS & TRANSPLANTS MISSION.

27 RIDERS, 12 MILES

SATURDAY, 5-29-2021

AFTER DOOR MORNING WITH FROST ON THE
WINDSHIELDS, THE SKY WAS CLEAR AND WARMED
THE TEMPERATURE QUICKLY. WE LOADED OUR HORSES
AND JOINED THE GROUP AT THE CHENGWATANA
CAMPSITE, THEN RODE TO PINE CITY ALONG ESTABLISHED
ROADS. THE GROUP WAS SLOW TO GET GOING,
EVIDENCED BY A LATE NIGHT CELEBRATION. THE
PAPES AND LINDY ORGANIZED THE RIG MOVEMENT AS
ALL READED THEIR MOUNTS. THE SUN HAD THE
FIRST BURIED OFF EARLY, AND PROVIDED FOR
AN ENJOYABLE RIDE. CLIFF & I STAYED BACK
TO ALLOW PEG TIME TO GET MOUNTED, THE
FIRST FEW MILES WERE THROUGH THE WOODS,
AND THE REMAINING MILES TOOK US ALONG
DITCHES OF GRAVEL ROADS. TRAFFIC WAS LIGHT
AND WE HAD A FEW NEW RIDERS. 5 YR OLD
JACOB GERRARD RODE MOST OF THE DAY, AFTER
HIS 20 MILES THE PREVIOUS DAY. A LOCAL
FARMER ALONG THE WAY PROVIDED WATER
FOR THE HORSES. MANY OF THE HORSES, INCLUDING
MINE WERE GETTING TIRED AND HAD SORE FEET
DUE TO THE ROCKY RIVER CROSSINGS. WE
ARRIVED AT THE PINE CITY FAIRGROUNDS AT
1:30 PM, AND HORSES WERE TENDED AND PUT
UP. ALL GATHERED AT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING

SATURDAY 5-29 CONT'D

AND ARE THEIR FILL OF TULED FOLK AND LOTS OF DESERTS. THE SILENT AUCTION HAD 30 OR MORE ITEMS AND THE RAFFLES BROUGHT IN \$200. I PUT MY OLD HAT ON THE AUCTION AND IT WAS ACQUIRED BY GERARDINA MAHONEY FOR \$50. I MATCHED THAT DONATION AND GOT IT BACK. FEW SPEECHES, THEN LOTS OF MUSIC, STORIES, AND CELEBRATING. IT WAS A WONDERFUL 1ST END OF TRAIL CELEBRATION WITH 60 OR SO PEOPLE PARTICIPATING. MUCH DISCUSSION AND PLANNING REGARDING PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR'S RIDE WITH THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE IN FAVOR OF RIDES STARTING AT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND AND GOING FOR A WEEK. LOTS OF IDEAS WERE PRESENTED & DAVE, DANA, AND I AGREED TO HELP ORGANIZE & PLAN.

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 2021

I WAS UP AT 5:30 AM AND VISITED WITH THE LYSFOLDS, GIVING TIMMY A CHANCE TO SLEEP IN. CLIFF & I TOOK DOWN THE FENCES AT 6:00 THEN LOADED MY HORSE. ECOM BROUGHT OVER A DELICIOUS OMELET THAT I QUICKLY CONSUMED. WITH ONLY A FEW UP, I SAID GOODBY AND WAS ON THE ROAD BY 7:00 AM. THE 450 MILE RIDE HOME GAVE ME TIME TO PONDER THE TRIP AND THE ORGANIZATION. LOTS OF HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR: YOUNG JACOB GEELEN RODE 30 MILES, ALAS, HONOR, AND HELEN RODE EVERY MILE. THEY ARE TERRIBLE! - THE KETTES RIVER CROSSING WAS FORTIFIABLE, BUT ALL HORSES AND RIDERS DID WELL. THE 20 MILE DAYS SEEMED TO BE THE MOST COMFORTABLE DISTANCE FOR FUTURE PLANNING. THE TIME SPENT IN GATHERINGS MADE IT CLEAR THAT ~~CORMISSIONS~~ THE THT MISSION SHOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE HEALING, BOTH FOR ~~DONORS AND RECIPIENTS~~ DONOR AND RECIPIENT FAMILIES. NICK, CAM, PAUL, STEIN, DAVE, DANA, TONY & AMANDA DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF PLANNING AND EXECUTING THE RIDE. EXPANDED AND NEW LEADERSHIP IS A MUST FOR FUTURE SUCCESS. THE TRAILS4TRANSPANNING FAMILY IS A SPECIAL FAMILY AND I AM HONORED TO CONTRIBUTE AND BE A PART

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