

1. Name and Present Position at BCCTRA (I'm new, so humor me with all the **correct** details)

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2. Where do you live?

70 Mile House (Green Lake) in the south Cariboo, about 35 km south of 100 Mile House

3. Occupation if you want to share that (no need to mention the witness protection program or any sordid details like that if you want to keep that private)

I am a registered nurse

4. How long have you been involved in CTR and horse sports? Please explain a little or a lot.....(most people are super interested in this stuff, REALLY!, especially horsey types)

Well, I consider myself a late bloomer---having owned my first horse when I was in my late twenties and now, closing in on half a century old I still feel like a relative newcomer to the horseworld! I began riding in CTR's and Endurance around 2000-very casually and in the last 5 years or so I have entered the realm of wanting to ride any and all CTR/Endurances that are humanly possible in a summer season!

5. Family details you might want to share: (ie. Do you ride with family, do they participate in the sport at all, do they think you're an idiot to ride so far)

My partner, Len, is a motorsport fan. I have only been able to coerce him for a nice horseback ride on occasion (rare!). We do share quading, snowmobiling and riverboating passions.

6. Horses that you ride or have ridden or that you are presently preparing to compete (looking for special moments here and again super interesting)

My steady state equine partner is a wise 25 year old arab/quarter horse cross named Scratch. He was retired from competition a couple of years ago, but if our ride last week was any exception, he still thinks he is 4 years old! My current competition and other trail horse is Cinco, a 15, coming on 16 year old Arabian. He has a heart of gold and truly is an athlete. We hope to compete in 1 or more 75 mile endurance events this year, among mostly 50 mile distances. I know the time is coming to consider a new prospect, but how can I possibly keep 3 horses busy and in shape when I have a hard enough time ponying as it is! I can just imagine the stories

7. Any accomplishments you want to share riding or otherwise (toot your horn or not....)

8. Other clubs that you have or have not been on the board of making you so qualified for your present position at BCCTRA

I have been a member of the Back Country Horsemen of BC, South Cariboo Chapter since inception a few years back. More recently (this year) I have joined the board of ERABC.

9. MOST IMPORTANT of ALL (if you aren't tired of writing yet) - What makes you enthused about or even, Love this particular sport?

The sport of distance riding is a time when you and your equine friend become "one" on the trail. Seeking out ribbon after ribbon, taking in the scenery that each ride has to offer, being "in tune" with every movement of your horse, anticipating actions and (heaven forbid) "reactions". The list is endless. Back in camp the camaraderie that abounds; the chin wagging that goes on with like-minded folk are but a couple of the reasons distance riding is such a draw for me. The destinations are like "mini holiday's" where you get to participate in a sport that is both fulfilling AND addicting.

10. Anything else you want to tell the membership about.... (maybe you make killer beerghritas at ride camp??? and we should all come to your trailer ?)