



OLD CAPITAL SADDLE CLUB

TRADITIONAL 100-MILE TRAIL RIDE CHALLENGE

A message from one of our trail bosses, Daniel Smith:

Bonnie Hodge interviewed hundreds of Rocky Mountain owners for her book *Rocky Mountain Horses*. Within the book, there are stories and folklore about the exceptionalism of the Rocky Mountain breed.

I want to share with you one of those stories from her interview with Mary Douglass Arthur about her Rocky Mountain named Yellow Jacket, “Since the 1960s, four generations of this family competed yearly in the annual 100-mile trail ride at Corydon, Indiana on their Rocky Mountain Horses (281).”

Four consecutive generations rode Yellow Jacket from 1961 to 1992. That is over three decades that this family rode horses in Corydon affiliated with our beloved Saddle Club.

I share this book and story with you for one reason: our Saddle Club and the 100-Mile Trail Ride is historical and special for so many people. And for this family, the horse ride was like a competition because it was challenging. So much so that when discussing their horses, completing our ride was, well, it was “book-worthy.”

In 2024, I will lead a Traditional 100-Mile Trail Ride for those who accept the challenge of a full 100-miles of trail riding. This opportunity changes nothing about the cost and times of catered meals and activities found in the brochure. The exception is the horse riding. This challenge ride will begin on Sunday, June 16th and will include approximately 17 miles of riding per day for 6 days. We hope to pick up additional riders Wednesday who want to ride the All-Day Gaited Ride for the remainder of the week.

Also, a Certificate of Completion will be awarded to you that will include your name, horse’s name(s), and miles completed.

If you want to learn more about this challenge, contact me, Daniel Smith at 502-609-4867.