


Tonto Twist 50



Go the Distance - Make a Difference

Saturday, January 20, 2018
AERC Sanctioned 50 Mile Ride
(Limited to 50 Riders)

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Control Judges: Bradley Scott Houser DVM & Laura Wolker-Waite DVM

The Tonto Twist Endurance ride will take you through the beautiful Tonto National Forest, Usery Park and the Goldfield Mountains in Mesa & Apache Junction, Arizona. This is the first Endurance ride to be offered in this area since the Goldfield 50 in 1991.

Base Camp: GPS The Rodeo Park Event Center @ 1590 E Lost Dutchman Blvd
Apache Junction, AZ 85119

The rodeo park is large and easily accessible. Please use the space wisely so it remains accessible for all. Horse water is available in camp but it may be more convenient for you to bring your own. There are flush toilets on site but no showers or RV hook ups. To ensure future use of this site it is imperative that the grounds are left spotless. All manure, hay, shavings and trash must be bagged and deposited in the on site dumpster. Any holes created by your horse must be filled. Please leave your campsite as you found it. Base Camp will open at 8am Friday January 19th, 2018. However, if long distance travel requires a Thursday arrival please call Lancette to make arrangements.

Ride Entry: The ride is **limited to 50 riders**. Entry fee received on or before January 5th is \$110. Entry fee received after January 5th is \$135. There a \$10 camping fee which includes both Friday and Saturday night. A \$15.00 fee will be charged to all Non-AERC members. We are **unable to accept on site entries**. Therefore, if your entry and payment is not received by **Wednesday January 17th** we **will not** be able to enter you into the ride.

Refund/Cancellation Policy: Ride entry cancellations received **on or before January 10th, 2018** and horses pulled at check-in will receive a refund less a \$25 administration fee. No refunds for ride entry cancellations **after January 10th, 2018**.

Check-in: Rider check in and horse vet in will be on Friday January 19th from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. There will be no vet checks during dinner, the ride meeting, safety meeting nor on Saturday morning. (**No Exceptions**)

Ride Packet: With the exception of your Vet Card, any additional ride information will be sent to you electronically via Email once your entry has been processed.

Friday Dinner: We will have a potluck at 5:15 pm. Ride management will provide dessert, paper goods, utensils, water & soda. You may sign up to contribute to the meal at <https://m.signupgenius.com/#/> or contact Ellen Hickey at 602-684-0750. If you are unable to sign up, bring what you can and come enjoy. Glass bottles are prohibited.

Ride Meeting & Mandatory Safety Meeting: 6pm Friday January 19th, 2018. **All riders must attend!**

Conventional Trail Navigation: The trail will be marked with ribbon tied to clothes pins (a different color for each of the 3 loops) some signs and field chalk. A PDF Map and instructions for each of the 3 loops will be included in your electronic ride packet. Paper maps will be available upon request.

GPS Trail Navigation: Navigation of the 3 loops via your smartphone is also available through the [Ride With GPS](#) program. The program will allow you to see the route on your smartphone and receive voice navigation if enabled. If you would like to use the navigation program please indicate so on your completed entry form. Once your registration and payment is processed, we will send you an Email with a link to join the Tonto Twist 50 Event. Click on the link and you will be asked to **sign in** (if you already have a Ride with GPS account) or **sign up** (if you do not). This is a **very easy** process and will take only a few minutes. Once complete you will have access to the 3 ride routes (loops) and all the premium features of the Ride with GPS program at **no cost** to you. Premium features include **voice navigation and offline map storage** which allows you to use the maps on your smartphone without needing cell phone service or an internet connection. If you plan to use the program it is completely up to you to get it setup on your smartphone prior to the event. We will not be able to help you at the ride. The Ride with GPS help menu is the best I have ever seen and the program is very intuitive. However, as with all new programs, there is a bit of a learning curve so I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible so that you have plenty of time to familiarize yourself with the program before the ride. Additionally, you may export the ride routes to many different types of GPS units. Go to [Ride With GPS](#) for instructions and a list of supported units.

About the Trails: The trails are multi-use trails. You may encounter hikers, bikers, off road vehicles, other equestrians, wildlife etc. You will travel on AJ City Equestrian park trails, Tonto National Forest trails, roads and Usery Mountain Park trails. You will travel on a variety of footing, some rocky stretches, some hard packed forest roads & stretches of deep sand. The majority is very nice footing. The course is moderate to difficult; bring a **fit** horse. Some sort of hoof protection is needed. There are several horse step overs and 4 paved road crossings. The A.J. Mounted Rangers will be at 3 road crossings to assist you. There will be 3 loops. The **Bulldog loop (1)** has about 2400 feet of elevation gain and is approximately 30 miles long with a gate into a 1 hour hold at basecamp. We will provide some hay and horse water at strategic spots along the trail but please be prepared to manage your horse and yourself for a long 1st loop. The **Goldfield loop (2)** is approximately 14 miles with a pulse down and trot by at basecamp. Once cleared, you will go on to the **Prospector Park loop (3)** which is approximately 6 miles of mostly flat trail with mostly nice footing.

Saturday Lunch: Ride management will provide sandwiches, chips, a sweet and a drink to all riders & crew on ride day.

Saturday Dinner: We will have an awards and volunteer appreciation dinner at basecamp. The event will start at 6:30pm. We encourage you to attend to help celebrate a great day on the trail with amazing horses and wonderful friends and to show your appreciation to our dedicated volunteers. We will be serving Wendy & Kevin's famous Indian tacos. A meal that can be enjoyed by meat lovers as well as vegetarians. The cost is \$8.00 per person.

Completion Award: If you would like to receive a **personalized mahogany horse name plate** as your completion award you must be entered by **January 5th, 2018**. Be sure to pick up your award before you leave. We will not mail awards.

Rules and Regulations: The ride will be conducted in accordance with AERC rules go to www.aerc.org for the details. It is your responsibility to know the rules of the sport.

Dogs must be on a leash at all times. If you are not willing to respect this rule please leave your dog at home. Off leash dogs could put future use of the rodeo grounds in jeopardy.

Ride Photographers: Susan and John Kordish from Skull Valley will be photographing our ride. Susan and John have shot many of our local rides and have had many Endurance News covers since 2011. Susan has been a photographer for over 20 years. She can be reached by Email at azcowgirlphotographyllc@gmail.com or Susan Kordish PO Box 204 Skull Valley, AZ 86338. Phone # 928-925-2498
The ride photos may be viewed and purchased at www.azcowgirlphotography.com.

Tentative Schedule of Events

Friday January 19th, 2018

8:00 am Base Camp Opens
2:00 to 5:00 Rider Check In
2:00 to 5:00 Horse Vet In (No Vetting in Saturday morning)
5:15pm Potluck Dinner,
6:00pm Ride Meeting & **Mandatory Safety Meeting**

Saturday January 20th, 2018

7:00am 50 Mile Ride Start
6:30pm Awards/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Sunday January 21st, 2018

Clean up and vacant Rodeo grounds by 12 Noon.

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Rider Information:

(You may open in Adobe Acrobat click Fill & Sign to complete form on your computer before printing, or hand write legibly)

Rider AERC No: _____ Is this your first 50 mile ride? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Junior Riders: (Under 16 as of 12/1/17)

All junior riders must wear approved safety helmets and be accompanied by a competent entered adult (18 or older) sponsor throughout the competition. Parent or guardian must sign below.

Age (as of 12/1/17) _____ Birth-date: _____ Sponsor: _____

Weight Division: (Check One)

____ Junior (Under 16 as of 12/1/17)
____ Featherweight (Rider w/tack 160 lbs or less) ____ Lightweight (Rider w/tack 161 to 185 lbs)
____ Middleweight (Rider w/tack 186 to 210 lbs) ____ Heavyweight (Rider w/tack 211 lbs or more)

Horse Information:

Horse Name: _____ Horse AERC No: _____

Breed: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____ Color: _____

Horse Owner's Name: _____ AERC No: _____

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Please provide the name you would like engraved on the plate. (Short barn names are recommended so that lettering can be properly sized.)

Horse name

Ride Fees:

Entry Fee: \$110.00 (Rec'd on or before January 5th, 2018)	\$ _____
Entry Fee: \$135.00 (Rec'd after January 5th, 2018)	\$ _____
Camping Fee: \$10.00 (includes both Friday & Saturday night)	\$ _____
AERC Non-member fee: \$15.00	\$ _____
Saturday Night Awards/Volunteer Appreciation Dinner: \$8.00 per person	\$ _____
Total Due	\$ _____

Make your check payable to **Lancette Koerner**, mail with the **completed entry form and signed Participation Agreement** to 2313 N Sinagua Cir Mesa AZ 85203.

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Would you like us to Email the **Ride With GPS** route link for use on your smartphone or to export the routes to your GPS Unit? Please indicate **Yes** _____ **No** _____

Participation Agreement

As I participate in the **Tonto Twist 50 Endurance Ride**, I agree to abide by the rules of AERC and the aforementioned ride. I understand that endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities; that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards which ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify or eliminate; that horses can be excitable, difficult to control and unpredictable; and that accidents can happen to anyone at anytime. I agree to take full responsibility for myself and the animal I am riding. I will hold AERC, ride management, all ride personnel and all property owners over whose land the ride passes blameless for any accident, injury or loss that might occur due to my participation in this ride and free from all liability for such injury or loss.

Junior riders (under 16 as of the first day of the current ride season) entered in the ride will be accepted and allowed to ride only if accompanied by an entered competent adult (18 or over). Juniors will not be allowed to start or continue on from any point without an adult sponsor. Junior riders must wear approved protective helmets.

I have read the rules, conditions and regulations of this ride and will abide by them.
Parent/Guardian signature gives permission for emergency medical treatment for junior.

Rider's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____