

# Tonto Twist 50



**Go the Distance - Make a Difference**

*2nd Annual Tonto Twist 50  
Saturday, January 19, 2019  
AERC Sanctioned 50 Mile Ride  
( Limited to 50 Riders)*

**Ride Manager: Lancette Koerner, cell 480-650-3124**

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**Assistant Managers: Wendy Letteer & Ellen Hickey**

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

**Once again, 100% of the ride proceeds will be donated to the AJ Mounted Rangers a Non-Profit Organization dedicated to helping the children of Apache Junction Arizona. Any cash or prize donations to the ride are appreciated.**

The Tonto Twist Endurance ride will take you through the beautiful Tonto National Forest, Uesry Park and the Goldfield Mountains in Mesa & Apache Junction, Arizona. We are blessed to have this beautiful area to ride and we are excited to share it with you. It is sure to be a beautiful weekend with the moon on full display.

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

The rodeo park is large and easily accessible. The entrance gate will be marked with ribbons and a sign. We are permitted to camp on the east side of the grounds. Please park wisely so rigs are able to maneuver around easily. 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 deposited at the designated locations. Please leave your campsite as you found it. Base Camp will open at 8am Friday January 18th, 2019. 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 Friday, January 4th is \$113. (\$3.00 increase over 2018 to cover increase in AERC drug testing fee) Entry fee received after January 4th is \$138. There is an additional \$10 camping

fee which includes both Friday and Saturday night. A \$15.00 fee will be charged to all Non-AERC members. We **can not accept on site entries**. Therefore, if your entry and payment is not received by **Wednesday January 16th** we **will not** be able to enter you into the ride.

**Refund/Cancellation Policy:** Ride entry cancellations received **on or before January 9th, 2019** and horses pulled at check-in will receive a refund less a \$25 administration fee. No refunds for ride entry cancellations **after January 9th, 2019**.

**Check-in:** Rider check in and horse vet in will be on Friday January 18th 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 via Email once your entry has been processed. If you are unable to receive Email please contact Lancette.

**Friday Dinner:** We will have a potluck dinner at 5:15 pm. Ride management will provide dessert, paper goods, utensils, water & soda. You may sign up to contribute to the meal at [Sign up genius](#) or contact Ellen Hickey at 602-684-0750. The potluck last year was stellar! It was the best meal we had in weeks, let's do it again! If you are unable to sign up, just bring what you can and come enjoy. Glass bottles are prohibited at the rodeo grounds.

**Ride Meeting & Mandatory Safety Meeting:** 6pm Friday January 18th, 2019. **All riders must attend.**

#### **Trail Navigation:**

**Conventional:** 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. If you are unable to receive email or print your ride map, please contact Lancette prior to the ride and she will print a map for you.

**GPS:** Once again we will be offering [Ride With GPS](#) for navigation of the course. We have gone through considerable effort to have the best method of navigation available to you and we encourage you to use it. As with all new things there is a tiny learning curve and we realize that not everyone is familiar with GPS navigation. We are willing to help you get set up for the ride. Please contact ride management prior to the ride so we can walk you through it. I assure you it will be time well spent. Using Ride With GPS will allow you to navigation the 3 loops of the ride via your smartphone. The program will allow you to see the route on your smartphone and receive voice navigation. 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 you must download the Ride With GPS App and sign up for the free Ride With GPS account prior to the ride. We are more than happy to help prior to the ride but may not be available 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. I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible and start recording your training rides at home so that you are familiar 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 Utery 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; please 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 the 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. A few days before the ride, we will send a lunch order slip via email for you to complete and email back to us. We will have your lunch bagged and ready for you to pick up when you arrive at basecamp for for your hold.

**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 plaque** as your completion award you must be entered by **January 4th, 2019**. 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](http://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, as off leash dogs could put future use of the rodeo grounds in jeopardy.

**Ride Photographers: Susan and John Kordish** from Skull Valley will once again be dedicating their weekend to photograph the ride. Since 2011, Susan and John have shot many of our local rides and have had many Endurance News covers. Susan has been a photographer for over 20 years. She can be reached by Email at [azcowgirlphotographyllc@gmail.com](mailto:azcowgirlphotographyllc@gmail.com) or Susan Kordish PO Box 204 Skull Valley, AZ 86338. Phone # 928-925-2498. Your ride photos will be available for viewing and purchase at [www.azcowgirlphotography.com](http://www.azcowgirlphotography.com). Susan and John are part of our endurance community and work very hard to capture these special events. They are grateful for rider support which allow them to continue to be out on the trail photographing rides.

### **Tentative Schedule of Events**

#### **Friday      January 18th, 2019**

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 19th, 2019**

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

#### **Sunday      January 20st, 2019**

Clean up and vacate 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: (A Junior is a rider who is under the age of 16 as of 12/1/18)**

All junior riders must wear approved safety helmets and be accompanied by a competent entered adult (21 or older) sponsor throughout the competition. Parent or guardian must sign below.

Age (as of 12/1/18) \_\_\_\_\_ Birth-date: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weight Division: (Check One)**

\_\_\_\_ Junior (Under 16 as of 12/1/18)  
\_\_\_\_ 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.) Doesn't have to be the horse you are riding.

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Horse name

**Ride Fees:**

Entry Fee: \$113.00 ( Rec'd on or before January 4th, 2019)	\$ _____
Entry Fee: \$138.00 ( Rec'd after January 4th, 2019)	\$ _____
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	\$ _____
<b>Total Due</b>	\$ _____

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. We do not accept electronic entries or payments at this time.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_