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IN MEMORY OF WHIP'R SNAPPER DRIVING SOCIETY 1ST PRESIDENT BILL GIPSON

Great memories of Bill Gipson

In 1987 I answered an ad in the Thousand Oaks paper about a horse for lease. Got in contact with the owner, Bill Gipson, arranged a deal and I leased Rouge Bi Bask, Arabian mare. Had a great time reactivating my life time love of horses riding Rouge in the equestrian park behind Gipsons. One day Bill came up with a cart and harness and said 'let's drive'. That was the beginning of 30 years of fun and excitement.



Bill was quite the adventurer. We entered the Conejo Valley Days parade with horses that hadn't been out of the back yard equestrian park let alone on a busy, noisy city street. Wow. We made it.

In 1988 Bill said, hey, let's get you and Rouge in the Heels and Wheels California Classic at Cota de Caza. Never seen a CDE except on video but

spent the summer reading the ADS rule book and figured I could do this with Bill hand holding the whole time. Survived that adventure too and I was hooked.

In 1989 Bill said we have made so many new friends with this driving let's start our own driving club like Heels and Wheels. Thus, the beginning of the Whip'rSnapper Driving Society of Southern California. And now, nearly 30 years later Bill's legacy lives on. Bill later moved to Florida but we have kept in touch. The call from wife, Carolyn, the end of March about Bill's passing really hit us hard.

Thanks Bill for the memories. You will be missed.

