

Hi David and Kathie!

The new saddle is great! Even the stirrups are the correct length! (How'd you do that?)

My youngest daughter, Libby, and I saddled up and rode, even tho' the winds were blustery. (Mike said his toolbox blew right off his truck) My mare was very eager to step out and keep going. Usually, she will only stay behind the lead horse, but today she was willing to zoom past him and keep on going. I had to keep a firm hold of her, as she felt more like a rocket than a plug.

At the lope, I could feel her pushing her back up into the saddle, sensing how it felt on her back. She had a colt back in May, and has lost some weight so.....he is now being weaned! (so I can ride more!)

I especially appreciate the comfortableness! My knees, ankles, feet, hips and legs all feel great. No twisting, contorting, or pulling. My old saddle causes me NOT to want to ride. Can't wait for our next ride, even tho' it's supposed to be cold.

Libby rode the saddle and approved it as well.

My horse crazy niece visited and was admiring your craftsmanship.

Thank-you very much for all your hard work and attention to detail. I appreciate your willingness to construct the saddle exactly the way I requested. I have been shopping for a saddle for over 2 years and couldn't find anything near as nice for the price. Our local saddle dealer told me I couldn't get a western saddle without a horn. The next time we go for feed, I'm taking the saddle along and showing it to her.

Thanks again for

Happy Trails,

Jodi ~~Barney~~

