



## **Successful Memorial Trail Ride Held in Kiskatinaw Valley on Saturday, July 31st, 2010**

The trail ride was organized by the Kiskatinaw Ecological Society to honour the memory of Mark Ernest Nimitz.

Mark was a great lover of and participator in all things outdoors and especially loved horses, dawgs and the river with its adjacent riparian areas. The August Long Weekend seems to be an appropriate time to honour the memory of a young man who had such an affinity for the great out of doors. As it usually is at this time of year, the weather and the scenery both seemed to be in a cooperative and mellow mood.

Blue silk scarves, Mark's favourite colour, donated by the Kiskatinaw River Ranch, were handed out and proudly worn by all of the riders for the day's important event. Sunrise Valley and Sunset Prairie Districts along the scenic river valley were the host environment and provided an entertaining afternoon adventure for the 25 riders and their horses.

The Trail Ride followed the Annual General Meeting of the Kiskatinaw Ecological Society, and included a cowboy lunch of campfire coffee and ranch-raised beef chili with pinto beans.

Whilst on the trail ride guests were treated to an opportunity to view the Ranch's Solar H<sub>2</sub>O Systems for cattle and several pastures under intensive management and controlled grazing. On these, following poplar logging in 1996 and 2007, tame forage species are competing very nicely with poplar regrowth and producing a lot of palatable forage, even in a dry year.

Please rotate your calendar year and plan to attend our 2011 Memorial Trail Ride for Mark E. Nimitz on Saturday, July 30th during next year's August Long Weekend.