

Pony Express riders cover 1,966-mile route

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The Pony Express Route came alive again last week with a commemorative ride from Sacramento, CA, to St. Joseph, MO.

Volunteer riders along the 1,966-mile route—565 miles in Nebraska—passed the mochila that carried letters, just as it did 152 years ago. The original trip, that started at 5 p.m. April 3, 1960, took nine days and 23 hours.

This year's event was the 33rd consecutive commemorative ride of the entire distance of the route.

A riderless horse carried the mochila for a time between Brady and Gothenburg in memory of riders Mike Sayer and Jeff Clark who died earlier this year.

This year's journey included a couple of proposals. Cody Wolf, who rode between Gothenburg and Cozad, successfully proposed marriage to Stephanie Armstead.

For another couple, a letter carrying the marriage proposal made the entire ride in the mochila from Sacramento to St. Joseph



where the prospective groom popped the question on the steps of the Patte House Museum.