

# Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

- 5/10-11 **Glacier Trails.** (Palmyra, WI). Sat. 50 End., 25 LD, 2-day 50/25 Comp., 12 Drive, 12 Ride/Tie; Sun. 25 LD, 25 Comp, 25/12 Drive. Monna Radtke, 2851 Henshue Road, Madison, WI 53711. 608-222-5200. helinorel-tonsor@earthlink.net.
- 5/16-18 **Run for the Border.** (Wolf Creek, WI) Fri. 2-day 100/50 End., 30 LD, 3-day 90/30 Comp.; Sat. 100/50 End., 30 LD, 2-day 60/30 Comp., Sun. 30 LD, 30 Comp., 15 Novice. Darlene Molitor, 320-597-2147. Send Early Entries to: Joan Thiel, 16052 240<sup>th</sup> St., Cold Spring, MN 56320.
- 5/17-18 **Dead Dog Creek.** (Kinmundy, IL). Sat. 50 End., 30 LD; Sun. 50 End., 30 LD., 30 Comp., 15 Novice. Linda Mowrer, 3992 East Mt. Gilead Ln., Olney, IL 62450, 618-754-3634. ridedeaddog@hotmail.com.
- 5/24-25 **Grand Island.** (Rapid River, MI) Sat. 50 End., 25 LD, 25 Comp., Sun. 25 LD, 25 Comp. Jamie Wilken, 9468 Co. 513 T Rd., Rapid river, MI 49878. 906-474-6048.
- 5/31-6/1 **Maplewood West.** (Pelican Rapids., MN) **YOU MUST MAKE CAMPING RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE.** Sat. 50 End., 25 LD, 2-day 50/25 Comp. Sun. 25 LD, 25 Comp., 12 Novice. Char Thompson, 28953 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. N., Hawley, MN 56549. 701-526-3737.
- 5/31-6/1 **AHDRA I.** (Wyanet, IL) Sat. 25 Comp., 12.5 Nov. Sun., 25 Comp., 12.5 Nov. Lori Windows, 12317 1550 North Avenue, Wyanet, IL 61379. 815-699-2318.

### JUNE

- 6/7-8 **ApDRA.** (Palmyra, WI). Sat. 50 End., 25 LD, 25 Comp., 12 Drive, 12 Novice. Sun. 25 LD, 25 Comp., 12 Drive. Jim Haas., W5401 Young Road, Eagle, WI 53119. 262-495-8105. jehaas@centurytel.net.
- 6/13-15 **Southeast Minnesota.** (Forestville, MN) **YOU MUST MAKE CAMPING RESERVATIONS IN ADVANCE.** Fri. 2-day 100/50 End., 30 LD, 30 Comp., Sat. 50 End., 30 LD, 30 Comp., 15 Novice, Sun. 30 LD, 30 Comp. Dianne Schmidt., 319 Summerfiled Dr. NE, Eyota, MN 55934. 507-545-9937. PRE-ENTRY DISCOUNT. **\$5 FEE FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER 6/1.**
- 6/14-15 **White River Summer.** (Hesperia, MI) Sat. 50 End., 30 LD, 35/25 Comp., Sun. 50 End., 30 LD, 25 Comp. Wayne Gastfield, 723 North Warner, Fremont, MI 49412. 231-924-2605. **\$5 FEE FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER 6/6.**
- 6/28-29 **Hopkins Creek Ride.** (Manton, MI) Sat. 50 End., 25 LD, 40/25 Comp. Sun. 25 LD, 25 Comp. Dennis Byard Family, 231-826-2503. dbyard@netonecom.net. www.hopkinscreekride.com. **\$5 DISCOUNT FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED BY 6/13.**

*You can download ride flyers & entry forms for any of the rides listed at [www.umecra.com](http://www.umecra.com)*

### SE MN—Novice Ride and Make Camping Reservations Now

Camping for SE MN on June 13 to 15 needs to be reserved. Reservations are made by calling 1-866-857-2757. However, if the sites are all full, please remember that Forestville sets aside 20 sites that are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. These sites include both electrical and non-electrical. If you arrive early Thursday, these sites have been available. No one has ever been turned away from the park. Also, SE is having a 15-mile Novice Ride at noon on Saturday. This was erroneously left off the ride sheet.

**What's my UMECRA rider number?** There will be NO UMECRA rider numbers this year due to delays in building the new database so you will need to ignore that section on the entry form. The intention is that next year all UMECRA members will be receiving a membership card with a member number on it. Sorry for any confusion this has caused.

### Upcoming Minnesota Distance Riding Clinics

I will be hosting along with a supporting crew two clinics this year, the first will be at Forestville State Park on May 31, 2008 (which is 2 weeks prior to the SE MN ride).

The second will be at Maplewood State Park on July 19, 2008, (which is 3 weeks prior to the ride at Frazee).

For more info please contact: Barry Saylor at 507-951-2245 or bsaylor1947@gmail.com

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## Voice of the Rider

Send your news to  
[UMECRAnews@gmail.com](mailto:UMECRAnews@gmail.com)

News does not have to be anything earth-shattering.  
Birthdays, accomplishments, new horse news, thank you,  
ride stories—all are welcome!

### *Passings....*

Wayne Ragar was a distance rider and also a terrific farrier. He has been in the sport and interested almost from the beginning. He was a good friend and supporter of Bonnie Kaufmann, Chuck and Connie Gray, Mary Alice Ruckwardt, JoEllen Rubach, the MacDonalds and others. He introduced several to distance riding including Kathy Weishampf, Bonnie Kaufmann, and Bob Mielke.

Services for Wayne were held April 30/May 1.

Donations in lieu of flowers to:

**Angels Grace Hospice**

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County Hwy. P

Oconomowoc, WI 53066

920-474-7800

[www.angelsgracehospice.org](http://www.angelsgracehospice.org)

## My Aussie Adventures

I am currently studying abroad in Western Australia where I have had the opportunity to participate in endurance riding. Having been active in UMECRA since 1996, it has been great to observe and learn how other people around the world do essentially the same thing. On April 26th I had the opportunity to ride in my first 100-mile ride. Coincidentally it was an FEI ride, so I had the chance to ride for the USA (after doing heaps and heaps of paperwork). I rode a 7-year-old Arabian-cross gelding named Big Joe, who also had never done a 100. He did an awesome job. We started at midnight on Saturday morning and crossed the finish line a little after dusk on Saturday evening with a ride time of 14:33. The whole experience was exhilarating as well as completely exhausting. My new goal is to complete a Quilty ride (the Australian national endurance ride, kind of like the Tevis in the historical relevance), in the meanwhile I'll arrive back to the states on June 21st . . . see you on the trail!

-- Elizabeth Laurie

(see photo of Elizabeth and Joey below)



## HELPFUL RIDER HINT #46

Maintain the same horse name on all ride entries - whether barn name, registered name, or part of registered name. It's difficult for points keepers and mileage trackers if the barn name is used on one ride entry, and the registered name is used in a entry ride a month later. This way all your points and mileage if on one horse, go to the same horse! If there's been a dual listing contact the UMECRA points keeper, Barb Gardner ASAP at [barb@doublebarallc.com](mailto:barb@doublebarallc.com)

- Submitted by Theresa Meyer

## HELPFUL RIDER HINT #93

My non-horsey husband gave me a great idea (sometimes he's more than a hat rack!)

Not a "ride" thing, but very well could be.

My older gelding had a situation that I had to administer bute for several days. I use a dosing syringe with applesauce for medication so I know he's getting it.

I was complaining that whenever I open a new jar of applesauce, I only end up using a little bit, then it sits for months, gets moldy, and I have to pitch it.

His suggestion was to get those single-serving lunch cups, the kind with the peel off foil top. A perfect little cup for mixing in my bute ; actually, one cup is enough for about 3 doses.

I can keep it in the barn (or trailer), and pitch when I'm done. I think this will work great for electrolytes at rides.

- Submitted by Cindy Lawbaugh

**If YOU have a tip to share, send it to [UMECRA-news@gmail.com](mailto:UMECRA-news@gmail.com).**



## Bits & Pieces

(Hello, fellow UMECRA members! It's time to reinstate the Bits and Pieces column in the UMECRA Newsletter. If you have some news about yourself or a fellow distance rider, please drop an e-mail to Elinore Tonsor at [helinorelton-sor@earthlink.net](mailto:helinorelton-sor@earthlink.net). We're interested in birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, pregnancies, new horses, 1000 mile accumulations, sad news, and good news. We want to print the news and happenings that will keep us informed, and bring us closer together. I've got contacts in Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota, but I'll take information from anyone, so be sure to spread the word!!)

...Please keep **Charles Phillips**, distance rider from Michigan, in your thoughts and prayers. Charles is currently hospitalized and fighting a hard battle against pancreatic cancer.

...Long time UMECRA member and farrier, **Wayne Rager**, passed away on Sunday, April 27, after a long struggle against congestive heart failure. Wayne always attended the Southern and Northern Kettle Moraine rides, even if just to say hello. He saved many event completions by replacing a lost shoe. Our condolences go out to his wife, Helen, and children.

...A quick call to the **Lori Windows/John Engstrom** residence revealed that the UMECRA members in Wyandot, Illinois are healing well post hip replacement surgery (for John) and leg break (for Lori). Lori is weight bearing on her broken leg, and has been back to work for about 3 weeks. Good News.

...There was a very nice birthday cake at the Iron Oak Ride last weekend for **Elinore Tonsor**, who turned 55 on Saturday.

...**Monna Radtke** was happy to talk about her White Water Rafting trip down the Pestigo River early this April. She and UMECRA ride vet, **Marnie Gamm**, along with two other friends had a great time. They're planning on making this an annual event, and would love to have more distance riders go with them.

...UMECRA President, **Sheryl Levin**, was all smiles after riding her new horse at the Iron Oak Ride. Sheryl was kind enough to be a leader for a group of novices and was very happy with the horse's performance.

...Distance Driver, **Jacque Deweese**, reports that his wife Marguerette, is slowly recovering from a series of strokes last fall. She is at home, and being cared for by Jacque and her daughters.

...Special thanks to our **UMECRA members in Minnesota** who gave up their weekend to promote distance riding at the Minnesota Horse Expo. They talked to a lot of interested people, and got some enthusiastic converts.

...While **MNDRA I** was well attended by experienced riders and their steeds, there were also a number of **newbie sightings**, including green horses ridden by seasoned riders, new distance riders on experienced steeds, a couple of people who got tired of watching their friends and relatives have all the fun and signed up themselves, and several horse/rider teams who were brand new to the sport. Hope you all had fun and will come back to try another ride soon!

## Salero Cards



### Jen Allen

Greeting cards for horse lovers!

Call or email for designs, prices, and packages.

hone: 815-303-





## Do high fuel prices have you re-evaluating that big rig? Looking for another way to get you and your steed to the rides?

Note: none of the ideas pictured are particularly recommended, and some are downright dangerous.



Even if you could get your horse in the box of the pickup, all those camels are kinda scary.



No comment.



Perhaps this one will show up at a distance driving event. It doesn't have pneumatic bicycle tires.



This one is powered by the horse walking on a treadmill. Some guy in Dubai invented it. You'd think they wouldn't have to worry about gas prices in Dubai....



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## **AHDRA II Endure for the Cure**

**Come ride...**

**Come win...**

**Come help end breast cancer...**

**Come to Endure for the Cure July 11 – 13, 2008**

Since its inception in 2001 Endure for the Cure has raised over \$140,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Help us meet our goal of \$15,000 this year and you could win one of two saddles.

Debby Searle and Donna Ozment will again donate a saddle -- this year they are donating a Barefoot Endurance Saddle.

*And* Kristi Kesick of *Native Spirit Saddlery* will donate a custom made saddle from her company. Other great prizes will be available for those who raise money and we will host another raffle with great donated goods.

Genie Stewart-Spears will be the ride photographer and Kristen Lacy from The Distance Depot and Horse Lovers Outlet will be the vendor. The Old World Café will again be on-site to provide lunch (for a fee) and a free dinner on Saturday evening.

Check out the website at [www.endureforthecure.org](http://www.endureforthecure.org) for more information on the ride schedule, what you could win, and how you can raise money to help end breast cancer.

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*Line = (65 Characters per line including spaces)					

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\$10 for a picture ad—up to 3 pictures allowed.

Ads run for 6 weeks.

Checks for all ads must be mailed to the sec/treasurer. Jill will contact Joslyn and Sharon to let them know ad is paid for and can be placed.



## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Forestville/Mystery Cave State Park  
21071 County 118  
Preston, MN 55965  
507-352-5111

April 9, 2008

Dianne Schmidt  
319 Summerfield Drive NE  
Eyota, MN 55934

Dear Dianne,

We received your letter, insurance certificate, and donation.

Thanks so much for the check. As in the past, it will be deposited in the Equestrian Gift Account to be used for improvements to the trails and horse area. Last year we purchased crushed rock for surfacing the muddy River Bottoms Trail north of the historic barn. We hope to have this work done by mid-summer. We have always appreciated the support of the competitive riding community.

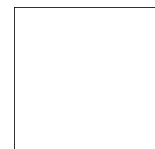
We look forward to seeing you in June!

Sincerely,

Mark White  
Park Manager



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