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UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



What's the \$60 for?

I received a call from a new rider a few days before MnDRA1, the ride I put on every year. And the person was asking what the entry fee for the 25 mile ride was used for. It was the very first time I'd gotten that question from a new rider. So if you haven't managed a ride here is some of the things your entry fee goes toward: sanctioning the ride with AERC, UMECRA and other state or regional groups, insurance fees that cover volunteers, clubs and land owners, special use permits, deposits for potential damage to campgrounds and/or trails, ribbons and prizes, completion awards, trail marking supplies, veterinarian payment, food for volunteers and the potluck meal, renting latrines, drug testing fees for AERC, reporting fees for AERC, UMECRA and other groups, office supplies, signage, butt markers, cups, paper plates, plasticware for meals and potluck, and postage for correspondence. I'm sure I'm forgetting a thing or two depending on where a ride is hosted, and for some the cost of fuel to go to the ride site may also be significant and running water to various places on the trail with vehicles.

Our rides are quite economical compared so to some areas of the US, and some rides are used as fundraisers for clubs for year-end awards. There is no guarantee that these costs will be covered, and most of the expenses are outlaid far in advance. Our private ride managers take on risk every single year. If you are a ride manager thank you for putting on a ride this year. Your efforts are appreciated. May the entries be plentiful and THANK YOU very much!

-Theresa Meyer
UMECRA President

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BOD Meeting Minutes Wisconsin Dells WI March 21, 2015

Present: Jon Wagner, Jill Feller, Theresa Meyer, Bonnie Mielke, Tony Troyer, Max Bernsdorf, Jos Seefeldt, Bill Suskey,

Guests: Linda Jacobson

Call to order by Theresa Meyer at 11:09 am.

Secretary Report: meeting minutes from January presented; Tony motions to accept minutes as presented; Bonnie seconded. Passed.

Treasurer Report: balance sheet and P&L summary were presented. Amend the P&L report to reflect real costs of silent auction. Max motions to accept reports with the change to the P&L, Bonnie seconded. Passed.

- Quorum revisited; Bill motions to withdraw the January motion on the quorum, Tony seconded. Passed.

- A discussion was held on the new wording that included the definition of a quorum vs. voting. A discussion was held on the definition of what a delegate is. Jon motions to accept new wording as written below; Tony seconded. Passed. Motion goes to the annual meeting in January 2016.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Section 3. ANNUAL MEETINGS. Written notice of the Annual Meeting shall be published in a report to the members postmarked via U.S. Mail or sent via membership email address at least five days prior to the meeting or by posting the same on the UMECRA website <www.umecra.com>.

Section 4. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Written notice of a Special Meeting of the corporation stating the time, place and object thereof shall be published in a report to the members postmarked via U.S. Mail or sent via membership email address at least five days prior to the meeting or by posting the same on the UMECRA website <www.umecra.com>. Special Meetings of the Corporation may be called at any time upon request of the president, vice president, or a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, or upon written request submitted via certified U.S. Mail with return receipt requested to the president, vice president or the Board of Directors by twenty (20) or more members.

Section 5. QUORUM. The presence in person of twenty (20) of the previous year's ride

managers as indicated on the sanctioning form, veterinary representative and rider representatives or a majority, whichever is the lesser amount, of the delegates to a meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the absence of a quorum, any meeting may be adjourned from time to time. The delegates present at a duly called or held meeting may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to leave less than a quorum. The president, or in his absence, the vice president, or in their absence any other person designated from time to time by a majority of the Board of Directors, shall preside at all Annual or Special meetings.

Section 6. TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS. Business transacted at all Special Meetings shall be confined only to the purposes stated in the call to the Special Meeting.

Section 7 DELEGATES. Each manager of an endurance and/or competitive trail ride shall submit the names of its official voting delegates or its authorized alternate voting delegate(s) to be recorded by the corporate secretary prior to any meeting of members. (See, Article VII, herein.) The corporate officers (excluding Newsletter Editor[s], Points-Keeper, Sanctioning Coordinator, and Webmaster), board members, Veterinary Representative, and Rider Representatives also will serve as voting delegates. However, while they may hold more than one of these positions at a time, they may only cast one vote. Only voting delegates may vote on business presented at a meeting.

- Update on horse/rider database: Nicole and Robin have worked hard on creating the database with is now completed The database will only be effective if riders use their membership numbers and horse numbers so the results can be reported on the new spreadsheet will be sent out to ride managers to review and play with.

- Update on scanning UMECRA meeting minutes:

- Bill is done with the scanning of the minutes and the past minutes are all placed in Drop Box folder for BOD members to review.
- The PDF files of the minutes will also be put on the website for all members to view.
- The minutes are also in a word document which need to be reformatted. When the PDF files were converted to word documents, the formatting was not consistent. Some meeting minutes that were scanned were also hand-written files. Elinore Tonsor has volunteered to work on formatting these word documents.

- Code of Conduct for BOD members. The appointed positions should also be signing the Code of Conduct. Bill motions that appointed members of BOD should sign Code of Conduct; Jon seconded. Passed.
- Promotions committee update:
 - UMECRA ads have been placed in IA, IL, MN horse fair books.
 - Anyone attending an endurance clinic get a letter with their membership cards with links to various help sites such as the Green Beans page. Once the new rider booklet is complete, a link will also be placed in this letter for those attendees to access.
- Trail grants:
 - A trail grant request was presented from the Northern Kettle Moraine Horse Trail Association (NKMHTA) for the Northern Kettle Moraine campground in WI for a shelter to be built in the group camp sites. The NKMHTA is the organization working with the WI DNR for improvements on the horse trails and campground in this forest. The campground in the request is used for the Kettles N Bits and Colorama rides. Jill motions to give \$250 to the NKMHTA to assist in building a picnic shelter, Bonnie seconded. Passed.
 - A second trail request was submitted for the Governor Knowles State Forest campground where the Border Battle Boogie ride is held. The request was for \$250 to be used for needed maintenance at the Trade River Horse Camp. After a discussion, the BOD decided to delay granting this request as the request was not specific enough and also if the money could be given to a local trail group instead of the DNR where the money could end up in a general fund and not designated for the improvements. Theresa will contact the person who requested the grant. Once more specific information is provided, the BOD will discuss this request via the group email.
- AHA request for donation for National Championship ride:
 - The AHA National Championship ride will be held in TN on September 10 – 12. There are several different levels of sponsorship available beginning with a \$50 donation.
 - Bonnie motions to give \$100 to the National Championship Ride, Jos seconded. Motion failed but will be discussed again via the BOD group email once Tony sends out the sponsorship form and the BOD have an opportunity to learn more about the donation options.
- Shagya-Arabian Registry Inspection: Performance Shagya-Arabian Registry (PShR) is asking for a sponsorship. In 2015, there will be four inspections in the United States with the first one held at Run Along Farms in Geneseo IL, the home of UMECRA member Julie Jackson. A document was presented which provided a summary of the different sponsorship opportunities which included an ad in their official program. Nicole volunteered to create an ad for the programs if the BOD approves a sponsorship.
 - Jon motions to take a full page ad for \$50 and place the medium banner at all four inspection sites for \$35, seconded by Max. Passed.
 - LD weight division: A discussion was held on the merits and disadvantages of having weight divisions for LD. No action was taken.
 - Non-member miles on horses to count for mileage: Bonnie was one of the original members who requested the 1000 mile program to be created in UMECRA. She explained that the intent of the 1000 mile award program was to award the UMECRA members and their nominated mounts; both the rider and the horse needed to be UMECRA members (horse needed to be nominated). The membership form for the 1000 mile horse has an error in wording which is the reason for the confusion of understanding the program. The form will be changed and reposted for members to use. There will not be any miles awarded to horses who were ridden by non-UMECRA members over the past few years.
 - Daily rider for UMECRA rides: A discussion was held to put a \$5.00 fee/ride for any rider that is not a UMECRA member in place. Motion made by Jon Wagner to charge a \$5.00/daily rider fee for UMECRA fee, seconded by Bill. Passed. This motion goes to the Annual meeting in January 2016 for approval.
 - Sanctioning coordinator for 2016-2017: A short discussion was held on this position; no actions were taken.
 - Convention guidelines: A document was presented to be used to help convention managers. The document is a guideline for people who are managing a convention to use to assist them. Jill Feller will be the contact person for convention managers regarding reviewing contracts before signing, questions about what is needed to run a convention and any other convention questions. The convention guidelines include “No other silent auction can be held simultaneously with the UMECRA auction”.



******RIDE SCHEDULE!******

Download all the ride flyers at UMECRA.com!



Date	Ride Name	Location
5/16-17	Border Battle	Cushing, WI
5/23-25	Grand Island	Rapid River, MI
5/29-31	AHDRA's Endure	Chandlerville, IL
5/30-31	Maplewood West	Pelican Rapids, MN
6/13-14	White River Summer	Hesperia, MI
6/13-14	ApDRA	Palmyra, WI
6/19-21	SE MN	Forestville, MN
6/27-28	Hopkins Creek	Manton, MI
6/27-28	Dead Dog Creek	Kinmundy, IL
7/3-4	Endless Valley	Spring Green, WI
7/11-12	AHAM	Augusta, MI
7/11-12	Mosquito Run	Roger, MN
7/18-19	Grand Island North	Limestone, MI
7/18-19	AHDRA's My Back Yard	Wyanet, IL
7/25-28	Bonecrusher Ride	Palmyra, WI
8/2	Warm Up	Oscoda, MI
8/3-7	Shore-to-Shore	L.Huron to L.Michigan MI
8/8	Cool Down	Empire, MI
8/8-9	Louise Reidel Memorial	Arkdale, WI
8/22-23	Northern Highland	Merrill, WI
8/29-30	Rock River Charity	Utica, IL
9/5-7	White River Fall – Labor Day	Hesperia, MI
9/12-13	Charity Cup	Pillager, MN
9/12-13	Keweenaw	Marquette, MI
9/12-13	Lincoln Trail	Kinmundy, IL

9/18-20	Colorama Classic	Greenbush, WI
9/19-20	Tin Cup Springs	Reed City, MI
9/25-27	Run for the Ridge	Fairfax, MN
9/26-27	Pine Marten Run	Welmore, MI
10/1-4	DRAWarama	Palmyra, WI
10-3-4	Legendary Run	Leonard, ND
10/10-11	Iron Oak	Arkdale, WI
10/10-11	Oak Leaf Run	Hamilton, MI
10/16-17	Point Chaser	Wabasha, MN
10/24-25	AHDRA's Big River	Keithsburg, IL



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**Let the games begin....
Ride Results!**

Brighton Spring 4/18 - 35 Mile Competitive HW			
Carl	Dosmann	Paper Icon	1
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	2
Brighton Spring 4/18 - 35 Mile Competitive LW			
Julie	Jackson Biegert	Burnin Dezyre	1
Genna	Wethington	Moun Shadow CDA	2
Amanda	Clark	RAL Tornado	P



Brighton Spring 4/18 - 15 Mile Competitive Novice			
Rachel	Clark	PR Miss Marianne	1
Donald	Hudson	A Ali Aseel	2
Amy	Scharmen-Burgdolf	Coosa Valley Indiana Jone	3
Rose	Clark	Stormy Joe	4
Miranda	Miller	Brittany Rolsthedice	5
Barbara	Drake	Stellar's Little Boy	6
Kimberly	Hoskin	Khandigo	C
Angelina	Lollis	Tommy	C
James	Harwood	Blaze	C
Suzy	Wyckoff	Neka Im Golden Stardust	C
Heather	Aboud	Jokers Champagne Toast	C
Jamie	Sides	Tonka	P

Brighton Spring 4/18 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Laura	Roberts	Easter Bow Lilly	1
Jayna	Weston-Steffel	Samaha Spirit Dancer	2
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	3
Melinda	Capuano	Frederico	4
Deb	Searle	WOA Ravens Premier	5
Diane	Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	6
Shannon	Weston	Samaha Aziim	C

Brighton Spring 4/18 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Zarish	Deb	Oakwyn Gypsy Rose	1
Lori	Windows	JA Bannarr	2
Rebecca	Grams (RM Only)	LW Classic Diamond	3
Diane	Meinders	Shatto's Sir Lance Lot	4

Brighton Spring 4/18 - 25 Mile Competitive Jr			
Mira	Mansuetti	Patralana	1
Whitney	Meinders	MS Dasani	2

Brighton Spring 4/19 - 15 Mile Competitive Novice			
Bonnie	Mielke	DLF Boudicca XX	1

Brighton Spring 4/19 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Sandra	Wright	LW Raajas Chip	1
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	2
Carl	Dosmann	Paper Icon	3
Rebecca	Grams (RM Only)	Bear's Northern Light	4
Beverly	London	Styrkur Grani	P

Brighton Spring 4/19 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Diane	Meinders	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	1
Lori	Windows	Mahrtina	2
Deb	Zarish	Oakwyn Gypsy Rose	3

Brighton Spring 4/19 - 25 Mile Competitive Jr			
Whitney	Meinders	MS Dasani	1

Kettles & Bits 5/2 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Marge	Dixon	Kenlyn Rendezvous	1
Jen	Allen	WMA Shadrach	2
Jim	Andriakos	WBNelsons Thunderbyn	3
		Pete	Pull

Kettles & Bits 5/2 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Linda	Jacobson	Majer Ridge Scarlet Debut	1
Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	2
Roberta	Harms	Lady Jane	3
Katie	Bachhuber	JG Sammy	4
Melissa	Coolich	Rumor SWA	5
Pam	Cotton	Cherokee Diamond Bunny	6
		Pete	Pull

Kettles & Bits 5/2 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr			
Ainsley	Suskey	Mi Lucky Charm	1

Kettles & Bits 5/2 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr.			
Barry	Saylor	MD Colorful Touch	1
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	2
Laurie	Henschel	Ebony's Bravo Moon	3
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	4
		HS Kiger Danielle	5

Kettles & Bits 5/2 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Barb	Gardner	RR Roman Scooter	1
Andrea	Pfeifer	Nite Tripper	2
Taryn	Dentinger	TKO Rhio Bask	3
Dawn	Haas	Fourmiles Kashtin	4

Kettles & Bits 5/2 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Melinda	Stewart	McCues Miss Behavin	1
Kathy	Schauer	Morning Glory XX	2
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	3
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	4
Eileen	Kirsch	Wineglass Rez	5

Kettles & Bits 5/2 - 15 Mile Competitive Novice			
Lynn	Haase	Fuzz	1
Cathy Jo	Luck	Chase	2
Elyssia	Perez	Raja	3
Becky	Schmitt	WlneGlass Remeny	4
Kathy	Brost	KPR Fantasia	5
Lauren	Castle	Savannah	6
Lorelai	Haase	Sky	C
Art	Anderson	Pick N Asset	C
Amber	Hennig	Lexie Lee Bismark	C
Allison	Goetz	Sarah	MO
Maxine	Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	MO
Holly	Kemmis	WineGlass Vino	MO

Kettles & Bits 5/2 - 15 Mile Competitive Drive			
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	1

Kettles & Bits 5/3 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr.			
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	1
Roberta	Harms	JM Cest La Vie	3
Eileen	Kirsch	Sabins Scooter	2
Taryn	Dentinger	TKO Rhio Bask	4
Laurie	Henschel	Ebony's Bravo Moon	4
		HS Kiger Danielle	6
		Shadowtrax	C
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	C
Barry	Saylor	MD Colorful Touch	Pull

Kettles & Bits 5/3 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Jr.			
Ainsley	Suskey	Wyatt's Dire Straits	1
Ana	Holder	MRK Annie Oakley	2

Kettles & Bits 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Andrea	Pfeifer	Nite Tripper	1
Jim	Andriakos	CR Cosmic Eclipse	2
Stephanie	Crispin	AllAboutMajestic	3
Jen	Allen	Zephyrus TF	4
Kettles & Bits 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Laura	Savatski	Murphy's Law	1
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	2
Melissa	Coolich	MCA Chassmyne	3
Kristine	Wacker	Patch Adams	4
Lori	Windows	JA Bannarr	5
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	6
Kettles & Bits 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive Jr.			
Lukas	Drogunas	Khepera Shakreekh	1
Brenna	Baemmert	RFR Crimson Crescent	2
Kettles & Bits 5/3 - 15 Mile Competitive Drive			
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	1
Jeanne	White	Chessica	2

MnDRA I 5/2 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Walter	Freiberg	Chazz	1
Sheryl	O'Brien	Wild River Sundance	2
Vicki	Rostollan	Scamper	Pull
Joel	Hildebrand	BE Spartacus	Pull
MnDRA I 5/2 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Darlene	Molitor	CR Infinite Pryde	1
Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	2
Candy	Barbo	CR Windsor	3
Scott	Campbell	JG Kings Major	4
Mary	Lambert	High Tail Hanna	5
Sarah	Maass	Royal Opus	6
Dana	Gasner	Lil Bits George Amir	Pull
Tracy	McIntosh	Amigo Rissar+	Pull
MnDRA I 5/2 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr			
Grace	Steffl	Indiana	1
Cassidy	Wiethoff	Black Jack	1
MnDRA I 5/2 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	1
Charlotte	Tuhy	Raffimas Image	2
Alvin	Grabill	CRAD War Angel	3
Janell	Thompson	BA Mikeera Bey	4
Ann	Anderson	Jets TAHR Mindy	5
Diane	Schermerhor	Iron Lady Hawk	6
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	C
Peggy	Pasillas	MRA Whirlwind	C
Sarah	Kieser	Mattanahs Joker	C
Lynda	Zimmerman	Lluvia del Norte	C
Paula	Goligowski	Little Bay	C
Colleen	Morgan	Hur Panz Sweet Kiya	C
Janet	Sarver		C
Chip	Jack	Bey Decision	C

MnDRA I 5/2 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Joan	Thiel	A Risky Encounter	1
Ed	Barbo	Psyche On Fire	2
Mary	Aschenbrene	Mattingley Hour Glass	Pull
MnDRA I 5/2 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Lynn	Reichert	CR Raazberry Dreme	1
Bev	Specht	JH Arabalest	2
Trisha	Nepsha	Cochise	2
Victoria	Robison	SC Zhivago	4
Nancy	Salazar	Nebulucent	5
Ellaina	Serfly	Zipper	6
MnDRA I 5/3 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	1
Teresa	Fett	CR Eastir Lyllee	2
Colleen	Morgan	SC Cassa Nova	3
Joel	Hildebrandt	Lacy Bay Express	4
Dale	Lunde	Images Princess Haily	5
Lynda	Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevada	6
Scott	Campbell	Jedwab	C
Sarah	Keiser	Mattanahs Joker	C
Sue	Schedin	Faden Gazad	C
Sarah	Maass	Royal Ajax	C
Diane	Schermerhor	Iron Lady Hawk	C
Don	Schermerhor	High Ole Matilda	Pull
Ann	Anderson	Phantom Mirage	Pull
MnDRA I 5/3 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Emma	Christophers	My Name Is Bob	1
MnDRA I 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Laurie	Brown	VC Makita	1
MnDRA I 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Jan	Rivard	Jewell	1
Holly	Egerer	Zippy's Ace of Diamond	2
Darlene	Molitor	CR Infinite Pryde	3
Beth	Potter	Nakita's Bluesy Deux	4
MnDRA I 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive Jr			
Ravyn	Swanson	Proud Rageyma	1
MnDRA I 5/3 - 12 Mile Competitive Novice			
Michelle	Schultz	Mollie	1
Keri	Wesley	Gotta Flirt	2
Dana	Blattner	Cody	3
Tiahna	Flemming	Leeroy	4
Melissa	Norton	Guston	5
Sherry	Zwart	Charlie Alota Avedon	6
Lora	Drenth	Jake	C
Jennifer	Klitzke	Indian's Legend	C
Peggy	Pasillas	MRA Whirlwind	MO
Debra L	Juettner	Shes My Destinee	MO
Bev	Specht	JH Arabalest	MO

White River Spring 5/2 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	1
White River Spring 5/2 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Amy	Yatsko	Captain (it's a madmad world)	1
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	1
Rusty	Toth	RB Calvin	1
Kelly	Moucha	ODYS April Sunset	4
White River Spring 5/2 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr			
Shelby	Moucha	SB Bit O Honey	1
White River Spring 5/2 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Stacey	Cooper (RM ONLY)	Lil Nikki	1
DJ	McQueen	Moon Is A Star	2
Cathy	Cook	Red Cloud	3
Don	Fehrs	Doppler	4
Lisa	Germann	Over Brooks Image	5
Amy	Scharmen-Burgdorf	Coosa Valley Indiana Jone	6
Rebecca	Grams (RM Only)	LW Classic Diamond	C
Kari	Hanes	Smokey	C
Diane	Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	C
Myra	Fleming	Boomerang	C
Angel	Chmurynski	Yankee Zar	C
Tina	Williams	Sonny	C
Cassandra	Green	Tryllerika	C
Leigh	Kuhn	Shatto's Sir Lance Lot	Pull
Barb	Kurti	Kulta	Pull
White River Spring 5/2 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Katelyn	Fleming	RTM Fancy	1
Lexie	Herrmann	Bears Northern Light	2
Aya	McCarty	Dynamo Dash	3
White River Spring 5/2 - 35 Mile Competitive HW			
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	1
White River Spring 5/3 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Rusty	Toth	RH Intrique	1
DJ	McQueen	Moon Is A Star	2
Stephanie	Toth	Liberty Sun	3
Amy	Scharmen-Burgdorf	PR Miss Marianne	4
Cassandra	Green	Coosa Valley Indiana Jone	5
Cathy	Cook	Red Cloud	Pull
Laura	McCormack	Ashe	Pull
Lisa	Moorhouse	Moulines SAL-LAS WPA	Pull
White River Spring 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Sandra	Wright	LW Raaj's Chip	1
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	2
White River Spring 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Lisa	Germann	Over Brooks Image	1
Diane	Meinders	Backstreetsstrutter GSA	2
Beverly	London		Pull
White River Spring 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive Jr			
Mirando	Miller	Brittany Rolsthedice	1

What makes Endurance/Distance riding so special?

It's a sport that gets into your blood, and takes you places you wouldn't have ever considered before. It's a sport where you plan your entire summer around the ride schedule and wonder how someone could plan some other event on a "ride weekend"!

Distance riding provides individual challenges as you travel and compete. You learn that you are more capable than you thought possible. You amaze your

friends and acquaintances you just completed a 25, 50 or longer event on your horse!

You savor those magic moments on the trail when the sun is rising and touches the tree, the lake, the stream and the birds are singing a chorus just for you! Then there are the times you just "suck it up" and keep going even when it would be easier to just stop because it's hot, cold, wet or maybe all three during the course of the day! Both sides of the spectrum make for incredible memories.

Each ride you go to is a chance to celebrate a finish and/or commiserate with friends over the unexpected pull. You get to spend whole weekends with friends who share your passion! The friendships you make are built on a common interest and you will ALWAYS have something to talk about.

It's a sport that teaches you more about taking care of your equine partner than you ever thought you would know. The vets are amazing and so many people are willing to share their knowledge. Conditioning, feeding, hoof care, electrolytes, traveling with your horse and more....

These are just a few of the things I love about this sport – what about you? Why do you ride?

Points, Points, Points....

The following rides are included in the Year-To-Date points:			
Brighton Spring	White River Spring		
Kettles N Bits	MnDra I		
Please report any errors ASAP! Thanks - robinschadt@aol.com			
Rookies are listed in red			

Top 10 Placings only – go to www.UMECRA.com for full point listings.

Competitive - HW			
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	44.4
Carl	Dosmann	Paper Icon	24.4
Sandra	Wright	LW Raajas Chip	22
Andrea	Pfeifer	Nite Tripper	21
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	14
Laurie	Brown	VC Makita	11
Barb	Gardner	RR Roman Scooter	11
Laura	Roberts	Easter Bow Lilly	11
Joan	Thiel	A Risky Encounter	11
Jim	Andriakos	CR Cosmic Eclipse	10
Competitive - LW			
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	19
Lori	Windows	JA Bannarr	17
Julie	Jackson Biegert	Burnin Dezyre	15.4
Lisa	Germann	Over Brooks Image	11
Diane	Meinders	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	11
Lynn	Reichert	CR Raazberry Dreme	11
Jan	Rivard	Jewel	11
Laura	Savatski	Murphy's Law	11
Melinda	Stewart	McCues Miss Behavin	11
Holly	Egerer	Zippy's Ace of Diamonds	10
Diane	Meinders	Backstreetsstrutter GSA	10

Competitive - JR			
Whitney	Meinders	MS Dasani	20
Ravyn	Swanson	Proud Rageyma	11
Brenna	Baemmert	RFR Crimson Crescent	10
Competitive - Drive			
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	13.2
Jeanne	White	Chessica	6
Competitive - Novice			
Donald	Hudson	A Ali Aseel	6
Cathy Jo	Luck	Chase	6
Amy	Scharmen-Burgdolf	Coosa Valley Indiana Jone	5.4
Dana	Blattner	Cody	4.3
Kathy	Brost	KPR Fantasia	4.2
Tiahna	Flemming	Leeroy	3.8
Lauren	Castle	Savannah	3.6
Melissa	Norton	Guston	3.4
Art	Anderson	Pick N Asset	3
Amber	Hennig	Lexie Lee Bismark	3
Sherry	Zwart	Charlie Alota Avedon	2.9
Lora	Drenth	Jake	2.4
Endurance - LW			
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	22
Linda	Jacobson	Majer Ridge Scarlet Debut	22
Darlene	Molitor	CR Infinite Pryde	22
Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	20
Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	20
Candy	Barbo	CR Windsor	18
Roberta	Harms	Lady Jane	18
Katie	Bachhuber	JG Sammy	16
Scott	Campbell	JG Kings Major	16
Kelly	Moucha	ODYS April Sunset	16
Endurance - HW			
Marge	Dixon	Kenlyn Rendezvous	22
Walter	Freiberg	Chazz	22
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	22
Jen	Allen	WMA Shadrach	20
Sheryl	O'Brien	Wild River Sundancer	20
Jim	Andriakos	WBNelsons Thunderbyrd	18
Endurance - Jr			
Shelby	Moucha	SB Bit O Honey	22
Grace	Steffl	Indiana	22
Ainsley	Suskey	Mi Lucky Charm	22
Cassidy	Wiethoff	Black Jack	22
Limited Distance - Jr.			
Emma	Christopherson	My Name Is Bob	11
Ainsley	Suskey	Wyatt's Dire Straits	11
Aya	McCarty	Dynamo Dash	10.8
Limited Distance - Sr.			
DJ	McQueen	Moon Is A Star	24
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	21
Laurie	Henschel	Ebony's Bravo Moon	16
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	13
Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	11
Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	11
Barry	Saylor	MD Colorful Touch	11
Diane	Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	11
Cathy	Cook	Red Cloud	10.8
Teresa	Fett	CR Eastir Lyllee	10
Rookie Nominations - Competitive			
Andrea Pfeifer	Nite Tripper		22
Melinda Capuano	Frederico		11
Jim Andriakos	CR Cosmic Eclipse		10
Competitive - HW			
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	44.4
Carl	Dosmann	Paper Icon	24.4
Sandra	Wright	LW Raajas Chip	22
Andrea	Pfeifer	Nite Tripper	21
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	14
Laurie	Brown	VC Makita	11
Barb	Gardner	RR Roman Scooter	11
Laura	Roberts	Easter Bow Lilly	11
Joan	Thiel	A Risky Encounter	11
Jim	Andriakos	CR Cosmic Eclipse	10



Giving Back!

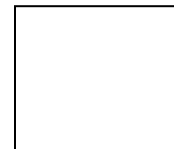
Love having rides to go to? Have you ever thought about giving back to the sport? There are lots of opportunities to help out – volunteer to cook for the vets, help out in the timer tent, partner with the vets and scribe at the vet checks.

How about becoming a ride manager? There are rides out there that need help to keep the rides going. You can do it! You don't have to have years of experience in the sport! There are several rides whose ride managers are young and/or have limited experience – they have put on some very successful rides!

If you are interested in helping – just ask if you can help. There is almost always somewhere you can help. Talk to the ride managers and volunteer. You can make a difference!



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