

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



Wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

Your UMECRA Board of Directors!



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Convention!!!!

Okay folks – time to get those reservations in!

When: January 19-21, 2024

**Where: Gladstone, Michigan -
Terrace Bay Hotel
7124 P Rd, Gladstone, MI
49837**

Everyone is invited to come to the 2024 UMECRA convention in Gladstone, Michigan (near Escanaba). You don't need to be getting an award to attend! Our hosts will be the Great Lakes Distance Riding Association (GLDRA) at the beautiful Terrace Bay Hotel. There will be AHDRA awards on Friday night, speakers, member meeting and banquet on Saturday, a silent auction and of course, awards!

Use the code **UMECRA** when calling or registering online for our special room rate.

Banquet registration form is included at the end of the newsletter.

[Terrace Bay Hotel Link](#)

Or call 906-786-7554

Silent Auction!!!!

Don't forget to bring something for the silent auction! Get creative! Baskets of goodies, books, homemade items, new and used tack and clothing are just a few ideas. Let's have some fun with this!

Questions? Contact Diane Meinders at 616.706.6478 or email Diane.Meinders@Trace3.com

The UMECRA Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 during the Annual Convention.

Ride Manager Delegate Selection – UMECRA By-laws ARTICLE III NOTICE OF MEETINGS, QUORUMS & VOTING

Section 5. DELEGATES. Each endurance/competitive trail ride sanctioned the immediately preceding year/season, by one of its ride managers as listed on its sanctioning form shall submit the names of its official voting delegates or its authorized alternate voting delegate(s) [also referred to as proxies] to be recorded by the corporate Secretary prior to any meeting of members. Ride managers as listed on their sanctioning form, or as amended, must have actively participated in the management of the sanctioned event. Ride managers of cancelled rides, who have paid their sanctioning fees before the ride has been cancelled and where the cancellation occurred for good cause shown, shall retain voting rights for the next Annual Meeting. (1/27/18)

Ride managers – please make sure you send your proxies to UMECRA Secretary, Janet Sarver, before the Annual Meeting is held. Use this link to submit your list of voting delegates <https://payumecra.com/ridemanagers>
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Convention Speakers!

We have 2 excellent speakers for this years convention. **Robin Seymour** and **Christina Keim**. **Robin** will present on the benefits of Magnawave therapy for your horse, and **Christina** will be talking about improving the quality of relationship and connection between horse and rider through adherence to classical principles.

Board Offices Up for Election in January

President: ((a) To be eligible to be elected, a nominee for President: (1/19/19)

1. A current UMECRA Ride Manager or former UMECRA Ride Manager.
2. Who has been a UMECRA Ride Manager during at least three (3) seasons in the past five (5) seasons, or who has been a Delegate in the preceding two (2) years. (1/25/09)

Secretary (must be a current UMECRA member)

Veterinary Representative (must be a DVM and UMECRA member)

Minnesota Director (must be a ride manager from Minnesota)

Wisconsin Director (must be a ride manager from Wisconsin)

Nominations can come from the convention floor as well as in advance. If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please write a short paragraph about your interest and email it to Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary at JSarver662@gmail.com by January 16, 2024.

Riders Choice Nominations Needed

It is time to make your nominations for this year's Rider's Choice Award. This is a very special

award that honors our equine partners in this sport and is voted on by members at the UMECRA Convention in January.

The guidelines to be considered when nominating a horse for this honor are as follow:

- 1) A horse that has shown superior ability in its division
- 2) A horse that has been a consistent competitor
- 3) A horse that has shown its ability to overcome setbacks
- 4) Any horse, for any reason, the nominator admires, and feels is a superior representative of the "Distance Horse"

Please write up a detailed description of the horse's accomplishments and the reasons why you are nominating the horse for this award. Send them to Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary at JSarver662@gmail.com. Deadline is Tuesday January 16, 2024.

Open Rider Representatives Positions

Do you want a voice on the UMECRA Board?
Are there issues or topics that you are passionate about? Consider being a Rider Representative!

There are 4 Rider Representative positions open for a 2 -year term starting in 2024. This is a great position for those who want to serve as a connection between riders and the Board. There are three board meetings (March, November, January) and discussions over email through the year.

- A Rider Representative must be a 2+ year UMECRA member at least 18 years of age who has been elected to serve on the Board of Directors by individual and family members. They are also delegates to the annual and special meeting(s).

- Ride managers are **not** eligible to be elected as Rider Representatives.

- Interested members need to create a write-up with a description of who they are and why they would like to represent their fellow distance riders. You can nominate yourself or someone else.

- All nominations need to be sent to Janet Sarver, UMECRA Secretary at Jsarver662@gmail.com no later than **December 20, 2023**. These will be published in the January newsletter. Elections will

be held online in early January (information to come later).

Some summer memories....



Photo credit – Katy Carter



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Henry Gruber

Are you getting a UMECRA award but not able to attend Convention? Please ask a friend to pick up your award for you! Awards will only be mailed at the **recipients** expense. UMECRA does not pay to mail awards!

**Don't forget to
renew your
UMECRA
membership for
2024!**

For Office Use Only:

Date Rec'd _____

Chk # or Cash (\$) _____

Amount \$ _____

DB entered? _____

Date deposited _____

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UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership year: _____

SELECT ONE:

RENEWAL

NEW MEMBERSHIP

SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

Family \$45

Single \$35

Junior \$10

SELECT MEDIA PREFERENCE:

Electronic Newsletter - \$0

Mailed Newsletter - \$10

Electronic Ride Book - \$0

Mailed Ride Book - \$10

Ride Book is available for free by downloading the PDF file at www.umecra.com on the schedule page

*Family memberships shall consist of one or more related, or coupled as significant other, adults, and/or children of such adults who are less than 18 years of age, all of whom reside in the same household. Please include all names of eligible family members below.

Date: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and LEGIBLY!

AERC MEMBER NUMBER(s) (if applicable): _____

AERC HORSE NUMBER(s) (if applicable): _____

UMECRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER(S): _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number (s): _____

Email: _____

If you do NOT want your name and contact info in the membership book, check this box:

Please mail completed form along with check made out to UMECRA to:

Deb Moe – Treasurer
2632 County Road G
Emerald, WI 54013

UMECRA 2023 Convention Schedule and Registration
Friday, January 19 - Sunday, January 21, 2023
Terrace Bay Hotel

7124 P Rd, Gladstone, MI 49837

Friday, January 19

3:00 pm - Registration Opens (Near bar area in the main ballroom)

6:30 pm - Registration Closes for the night

6:30 pm - AHDRA Meet & Greet w/ Appetizers (main ballroom), followed by Social Hour and Games (open to everyone)

Saturday, January 20

7:00 am – UMECRA Board Meeting (Location TBD)

9:00 am – Robin Seymour “MagnaWave PEMF (Pulsed Electro-Magnetic Field) Use in Horses and More” Presentation (Main Ballroom)

10:15 am – 15-minute Break

10:30 am – Virtual Presentation in Main Ballroom by Christina Keim

12:00 Noon – Lunch Break

1:15 pm to 4:15 pm – UMECRA Annual Meeting

5:00-6:00 pm – Happy Hour and Socializing

6:00 pm – Dinner in Main Ballroom

Approx 7:00 pm – UMECRA Awards followed by Social Hour

Sunday, January 21

7:30 – 10:00 am – AHDRA Annual Meeting

Banquet Buffet Reservations:

Buffet includes: Beef Tenderloin, Herb Roasted Chicken, Tavern Mac N Cheese, Mixed Green Salad, Garlic Parmesan Green Beans and Assorted Dessert Bar

Meal Selection	Qty	Subtotal	Names
# Adult Meals (\$34)			
# Child Meals (ages 4-12) \$16			

Dinner Buffet Total _____

Children 3 and younger are free for the dinner buffet.

BOXED LUNCHESES for Saturday - \$22/each includes: Sandwich or Salad from below, soda or bottled water, house made vegetable chips, chef's choice dessert.

Meal Selection	Qty	Subtotal	Names
Hot Beef Sandwich			
Chicken Casaer Salad			

Box Lunch Total _____

- Hot beef sandwich – shaved sirloin, pepper jack cheese, sauteed onions on a ciabatta roll
- Chicken Casaer Salad – chopped romaine, asiago cheese, tomato, crouton, Caesar dressing, chili flakes

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Attending convention but not attending the banquet? Members not purchasing a banquet meal and who attend the morning talk and/or afternoon meeting will be assessed a \$10/member meeting fee to help cover venue expenses.

Convention Only	Qty	Subtotal	Names

Total of Dinner, Box Lunch, Convention Fees \$ _____

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 10TH - refunds will not be given and late meals requests will not be accepted

Electronic registration and payment available on <https://payumecra.com/fees>

Paying by check? Please mail this form with a check made out to UMECRA to:

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 Call: 616 430 7804 or Email: beckeg@aol.com

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