

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



Time to start planning your ride season!

| Ride Name | Date | City/State | Ride Manager/email |
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| Panther Creek | 3/30 - 3/31 | Tiscumbia, MS | Julie Moore, juliemoore0309@gmail.com |
| Early Bird Ride at Sand Ridge | 4/13 - 4/14 | Forest City, IL | Lucy Stafford, lucy@acesetsthepace.com |
| MnDRA1 | 5/4 - 5/5 | Hinkley, MN | Michelle Fedewa, michelle.fedewa@yahoo.com |
| White River Spring | 5/4 - 5/5 | Hesperia, MI | Pat Wierengo, tecllc04@aol.com |
| Glacier Trails | 5/10 - 5/12 | Palmyra, WI | Romona Radtke, ridediva@sbcglobal.net |
| Trade River Run | 5/18 - 5/19 | Sterling Township, WI | Linsay Nichols, lins421@yahoo.com |
| AHDRA's Endure | 5/18 - 5/19 | Keithsburg, IL | Emily Schupp, emilyschupp46@yahoo.com |
| Grand Island Ride | 5/25 - 5/26 | Rapid River, MI | Kathy Macki - k_macki@yahoo.com |
| Maplewood West | 6/1 - 6/2 | Pelican Rapids, MN | Sarah Louise Peltier, peltier.sa@gmail.com |
| DRAW Finale | 6/8 - 6/9 | Gleason, WI | Jane Kirkeide, jlkirkeide@gmail.com |
| White River Summer | 6/8-6/9 | Hesperia, MI | Pat Wierengo, tecllc04@aol.com |
| Kankakee River Ride | 6/15 - 6/16 | Kankakee, IL | Deb Searle, debsearle@mack.com |
| Southeast Minnesota | 6/15 - 6/16 | Preston, MN | Theresa Meyer, thmeyer753@gmail.com |
| Dead Dog Creek | 6/22 - 6/23 | Augusta, IL | Linda Mowrer, ridedeaddog@hotmail.com |
| Grand Island North | 6/22 - 6/23 | Munising, MI | Karen Bahrman, kbahrman@gmail.com |
| Firecracker Fling, AHA Region 10 Endurance & Comp Ride Championship | 7/5 - 7/6 | Avoca, WI | Beth Frieders, bethfrieders@yahoo.com |

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| Hopkins Creek Ride | 7/13 - 7/14 | Manton, MI | Michelle Wiegand, wingcmdr4101@charter.net |
| Mosquito Run | 7/13 - 7/14 | Rogers, MN | Peggy Pasillas, peggy@pasillas.net |
| Maah Daah Hey Endurance | 7/20 - 7/21 | Medora, SD | Angie Mikkelson, angieorr@hotmail.com |
| Bonecrusher Ride | 7/26 - 7/28 | Palmyra, WI | Amber Erickson, DC, endurochiro3@gmail.com |
| Dakota Dash | 8/3 - 8/4 | Leonard, ND | Amy Ellingson, amvellingson@yahoo.com |
| Detroit Horse Power | 8/9 - 8/10 | Michigan | Laura Baier, |
| Louise Riedel Memorial | 8/9 - 8/11 | Arkdale, WI | Elinore Tonsor, helinoreltonsor@earthlink.net |
| Bearfoot Boogie | 8/17 - 8/18 | Hinkley, MN | Katie Vogl, katie.fleming661@gmail.com |
| DRAW's Prairie River Ride | 8/24 - 8/25 | Gleason, WI | Andrea Pfieler, binkytunny@icloud.com |
| White River Labor Day Pioneer Ride | 8/31 - 9/2 | Hesperia, MI | Pat Wierengo, tecllc04@aol.com |
| Charity Cup | 9/7 - 9/8 | Pillager, MN | Karin Lupo, kjarvi0914@gmail.com |
| Keweenaw Ride | 9/7 - 9/8 | Gwin, MI | Karen Jarvi, kjarvi0914@gmail.com |
| Lincoln Trails | 9/7- 9/8 | Chandlerville, IL | Nicole Mauser-Storer, n.mauserstorer@outlook.com |
| DRAW's Colorama Classic | 9/13 - 9/14 | New Prospect, WI | Barb Gardner, barb@doublebarallc.com |
| AHDRA's Field of Dreams Dash | 9/21 - 9/22 | Lehigh, IA | Brooke Moeller, guianowriter@gmail.com |
| Huntersville Hundred | 10/5 - 10/6 | Menahga, MN | Sarah Maass, sarahmaass@hotmail.com |
| Rock River Charity Ride | 10/5 - 10/6 | Franklin Grove, IL | Tony Troyer, IL4aerc@aol.com |
| Iron Oak | 10/12 - 10/13 | Arkdale, WI | Alice Hubert, rayalhubert@hotmail.com |

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| Oak Leaf Run | 10/12 – 10/13 | Hamilton, MI | Barb Kurti, oakleafrun@gmail.com |
| Point Chaser | 10/18 – 10/19 | Theilman, MN | Janet Sarver, jsarver@gmail.com |
| AHDRA Big River | 10/26 – 10/27 | Keithsburg, IL | Emily Schupp, emilyschupp46@yahoo.com |
| End of UMECRA Ride Season – 11/4/2024 | | | |

Ride Managers – please check ride name, dates and information. Notify Peggy Pasillas if any corrections are needed (peggy@pasillas.net or UMECRAnews@gmail.com).

******Notice******

The spring UMECRA Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 6th, in Lodi WI. Quality Inn & Suites, W9250 Prospect Dr, Lodi, WI 53555

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TREASURER’S NOTICE: NEW in 2024 – RIDE MANAGER RESOURCES

The UMECRA Treasurer will not be sending ride fee invoices or ride certificates to ride managers. Instead, all information will be on payumecra.com/ridemanagers website. The Insurance Certificates and Insurance Fees will be provided on this website.

Ride Insurance – Download Certificates

- Click on Download Certificates to activate the toggle form. Enter the first part of your ride name and wait for the files to appear. If no results are present and you require the certificate asap, contact the Treasurer. Not all ride certificates are received at the start of the season from the insurance agent.

- If a file is present, hover the mouse over the file name to display the view and download options. Save the file as needed.

Ride Insurance – Find Insurance Fees per Ride

- Click on Lookup Insurance Fees to activate the toggle form. Select the ride(s) and view the insurance totals in the table that loads.

- Submit the insurance fees PLUS ride fees (\$2.50 per starting rider) along with ride results within 15 calendar days of the event to the Treasurer, Points Keeper, and Webmaster.

UMECRA Convention

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

You must have your membership current to accumulate points and miles towards year end awards.

Ride Sanctioning – How it Works

Have you ever wondered how a new ride is added to the schedule after the ride calendar is approved at the Annual Meeting?

When a new ride requests sanctioning with UMECRA after the schedule is approved, there are some basic rules and procedures to be followed.

If the ride has been sanctioned the previous year, ride managers must announce their mileage to the UMECRA Sanctioning Coordinator at least seven (7) days before the

annual meeting; otherwise, they will receive the same mileage as the previous year. Corrections and/or adjustments can be made during the annual meeting before voting to approve the schedule.

What about changes in events and distances? Once the ride schedule has been approved at the annual meeting, changes to those approved rides can be made up to 60 days in advance of the ride, but will require approval of the executive board, or as early as possible in emergency situations.

Once the schedule is finalized at the annual meeting, no new rides may be scheduled except with Board and ride manager approval via electronic ballot with a majority of 2/3rds of the managers responding within ten (10) calendar days. (One vote per ride). Rides seeking approval by Board vote must meet one of the following criteria:

1. Be proposed for an open date
2. Be 501 miles or more from an already scheduled ride (as measured using Mapquest.com)
3. If less than 501 miles from an already scheduled ride (as measured using Mapquest.com), have written approval of those ride managers.

This is the process that was followed in order to add Detroit Horse Power ride on August 8, 9, 2024. The distance between Detroit Horse Power and Louise Reidell Memorial ride was between 498 and 501 miles depending on the route selected. Elinore Tonsor, RM for Louise Riedell Memorial ride graciously agreed to allow sanctioning of Detroit Horse Power to move to a vote of all RM's. The vote passed and the ride was added to the schedule.

Did you know that UMECRA has an online store?

Yep! Just go to: <https://umecra.logosoftwear.com/> and check out the selection of UMECRA branded shirts, sweatshirts, fleece pullovers and more!

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Clinics – Are you holding a clinic or mock ride to share our sport with others? Let us know and we will post it here!

April 27th – MN Distance Clinic & Mock Ride. Go to MNDRA.com for details!

June 1st – DRAW Mock ride and Clinic, near Mazomanie, WI. Go to DRAWISCONSIN.COM for details

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Want to catch up on Board Meeting minutes? Once approved by the board, minutes are posted on the UMECRA website!

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Open Board Positions:

Treasurer – Due to work and personal issues, Deb Moe has decided to step down as UMECRA's Treasurer. Due to this, we are looking to find a qualified, interested person to replace her. The board would like to appoint an interim treasurer at the April, 2024 board of director's meeting. Deb will provide mentoring and a transition plan for the remainder of her term, which concludes in January 2025. At that time, the interim Treasurer would be on the ballot for the official Treasurer.

Qualifications to be elected treasurer in 2025 are to be a current ride manager for a 2024 ride or 3 years of prior ride management experience. UMECRA uses QuickBooks Desktop for recordkeeping.

If you are interested in the position, please submit an email with your qualifications to UMECRA Secretary, Janet Sarver, at jsarver662@gmail.com before the April 6th Board of Directors meeting.

Position Description from Article IV Section 8 of the By-laws: TREASURER. The

Treasurer shall attend all sessions of the Board of Directors and of all meetings of the members. S/he shall have the custody and maintenance of the corporate funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate account of receipts and disbursements in books belonging to the corporation and shall deposit all monies, and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the corporation, in such depositories as may be designated by the Board of Directors. S/he shall only disburse the funds of the corporation as may be ordered by the Board, taking the proper vouchers for such disbursements, and shall render to the President and Directors, at the regular meetings of the board, or whenever they may require it, an account of all her/his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation. S/he shall provide an annual report for the membership and provide interim reports at the request of the President or Executive Committee. S/he shall give the corporation a bond at the corporation's expense if required by a majority of the Board of Directors, in such amount as they may determine, and with one or more sureties satisfactory to the Board, for the faithful performance of the duties of her/his office, and for the restoration to the corporation in case of her/his death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office, of all books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property, of whatever kind in her/his possession or under her/his control belonging to the corporation. Due to its requirements and nature, the position of Treasurer may be filled by either a current Delegate or a current UMECRA Member with a minimum of three (3) years as a UMECRA Ride Manager. (1/15/11) (1/18/20)

Points Keeper – Currently filled by Robin Schadt, requesting a new points keeper to allow Robin to focus on her responsibilities of UMECRA President.



Position Description from Article VI Section 5 b of the By-laws.


The Points-Keeper will keep track of season rider points and division standings and provide them to the Webmaster and Newsletter Editor(s) for publication. Points Keeper will

also keep track of horse and rider mileage seasonally and for lifetime records. The Points-Keeper shall be responsible for record-keeping related to awards at season end, as approved by the Board. (2022)

If you are interested in applying for either of these positions, please reach out to UMECRA President, Robin Schadt at 708.280.8241, email robinschadt@aol.com and Secretary Janet Sarver at 651.270.0961 or email jsarver662@gmail.com before the April 6th Board of Directors meeting.

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Every athlete deserves to be safe and supported. US Equestrian is committed to ensuring that every athlete gets the opportunity to enjoy equestrian sports free from abuse.

US Equestrian encourages all parents/guardians and our minor athletes to take the free training courses that are offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport. These courses are tailored for each group. The Parent's Guide to Misconduct in Sport is a 30-minute training video that educates parents on recognizing, responding to, and preventing abuse and misconduct in your child's sport setting. You will come away equipped with information and tactics to minimize risks of harm, You will also learn what helps create a safe sport environment for your children and what resources are available for reporting.

In addition to the training module for parents/guardians, we encourage

viewing [The Center's webpage for Parents and Guardians](#). This webpage includes important topics and resources, including the Parent and Guardian's Handbook for SafeSport. This handbook provides information and resources to help parents understand the different types of abuse and misconduct, as well as provides tools and tips for talking to their child about sexual and emotional abuse.

The U.S. Center for SafeSport also provides training modules for minor athletes.

If you are between the ages of 13-17, the Center provides a 15-minute course that is focused on bullying prevention, supporting friends who have experienced abuse or misconduct, and resources for reporting.

For those athletes between the ages of 5-12, the Center provides a 15-minute course that helps minors know the difference between discipline and abuse and encourages them to reach out to a trusted adult when something is not right. It also stresses the importance of positive sportsmanship and having a healthy sport environment focused on fun and safety.

To take any of the trainings listed above, please view the link below.

[GET TRAINED NOW](#)

IMPORTANT NOTE: Parental consent is required for junior competitors to register for the course.

Finally, if you become aware of or suspect that abuse has occurred, the following resources are available:

- Reports regarding sexual misconduct must be made to the U.S. Center for SafeSport

through their [online reporting form](#) or by phone at 833-5US-SAFE (587 7233).

- Reports regarding non-sexual misconduct can be made by submitting a [USEF Incident Report Form](#) or by sending an anonymous text to 2USEF (28733).



US Equestrian Federation
4001 Wing Commander Way
Lexington, KY 40511
859-810-8733

Per AERC rules, all rides are required to have a Safe Sport representative on site during the ride weekend. The representative must be available in camp and can't compete.

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The UMECRA Board of Directors has agreed to temporarily suspend the International Committee until there is some action and/or decisions from AERC and USEF. Until that time, there is no action or decision required from UMECRA. An announcement will be made when the time comes to reconvene the committee.



| Comparison of Former vs New Point System | | |
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| | Old | New |
| Example #1 (25 mile LD / Comp) | | |
| LD/Comp - 1st | 11 | 36 |
| LD/Comp - 2nd | 10 | 35 |
| LD/Comp - 3rd | 9 | 34 |
| LD/Comp - 4th | 8 | 33 |
| LD/Comp - 5th | 7 | 32 |
| LD/Comp - 6th | 6 | 31 |
| LD/Comp Completion | 5 | 30 |
| Rider #1 rides one day at 10 rides, places 1st in all rides (total 250 miles) | 110 | 360 |
| Rider #2 rides 2 days at 10 rides, places 6th in all, then rides the 2nd day and completes. (Total 500 miles) | 160 | 610 |
| The new point system rewards riders who ride more rides which directly benefits the rides and ride organizations | | |



The next 2 examples look at Endurance where one rider focuses on riding 50-mile events and the other mixes distances. The 2 riders ride the same number of miles in both examples, but Rider #2 rides fewer rides due to the increased distance.

| Example #2 (Endurance) | Old | New |
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| END - 50 - 1st | 22 | 72 |
| END - 50 - 2nd | 20 | 70 |
| END - 50 - 3rd | 18 | 68 |
| END - 50 - 4th | 16 | 66 |
| END - 50 - 5th | 14 | 64 |
| END - 50 - 6th | 12 | 62 |
| END - 50 - Completion | 10 | 60 |
| End - 100 - 1st | 44 | 144 |
| End - 100 - 2nd | 40 | 140 |
| End - 100 - 3rd | 36 | 136 |
| End - 100 - 4th | 32 | 132 |
| End - 100 - 5th | 28 | 128 |
| End - 100 - 6th | 24 | 124 |
| End - 100 - Completion | 20 | 120 |
| Rider #1 - 8 rides of 50 miles each, 1st place at all rides (total 400 miles) | 176 | 576 |
| Rider #2 - 4 rides of 50 miles each earning 1st place, and 2 rides at 100 miles with 1st place (total 400 miles) | 176 | 576 |

In Example #2, there is no difference between the 2 point systems.

| Example #3 (Endurance) | Old | New |
|--|-----|-----|
| Rider #1 - 8 rides of 50 miles each, 1st place at all rides (total 400 miles) | 176 | 576 |
| Rider #2 - 4 rides of 100 miles each, 2 are 1st place, 2 are completions (total 400 miles) | 128 | 528 |

In Example #3, there is a significant difference in points for Rider #2, whose point gap is much less under the new system. This reduces the impact for riders who want to move up in distance but will need to ride fewer rides over the course of the season.

Conclusion: the updated points system rewards riders for successful completion of mileage while still giving credit for placings.

Of course, there are an infinite number of variations in points that can be achieved for our members. These examples are intended to provide context in the application of the new point schedule.

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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 Newsletter
 c/o Peggy Pasillas
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 Inver Grove Hgts, MN 55077
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 10th of each month
 Send news to:
UMECRAnews@gmail.com



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