

Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association



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March 2008

OAK LEAF RUN (April 5-6) has requested a date change to July. More info next month. If you were planning to go to this ride, call ride mgr. Bonnie Tobias 269-792-9535 for an update.

UMECRA Spring Board Meeting
Antiqua Bay *
Wisconsin Dells, WI
March 15, 2008 Meeting
Tentative Agenda

Secretary/Treasurers Report

Report from UMECRA President:

Unfinished Business:

- A. Points database update
- B. Membership Cards
- C. Louise Riedel Versatility Award.
- D. Charles Phillips Versatility Award update.
- E. 100 mile horse recognition program update.
- F. President and Secretary/Treasurer Election criteria.
- G. Advertising in Ride Book, website, and directory.
- H. New Ride Entry Form.
- I. Rider feedback on ride schedule and 100 mile rides.

New Business:

- A. Limited Distance Restricted Mileage Awards.
- B. Junior Restricted Mileage Awards.
- C. Committees in UMECRA.
- D. Top Objectives of the BOD.
 - a. Membership?
 - b. Advertising?
 - c. Mentorship of New Members?
 - d. Communication?
 - e. Something else?
- E. November Meeting.
- F. Summer Meeting at a ride.

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Send your news to

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News does not have to be anything earth-shattering. Birthdays, accomplishments, new horse news, thank you, ride stories, helpful hints, vet news, trail news, articles about conditioning/equipment/horse care/trailing,.... —all are welcome!

RIDE MANAGERS:

The Certificates of Insurance will be mailed out to you for your ride within the next few weeks so you can get them to your land owners. You will also receive a 'bill' stating how much money you owe UMECRA for your insurance coverage. The money can be paid in advance of your ride or paid with your ride fees after the ride. If your ride is cancelled, the ride will still be responsible for the cost of the additional insured only; the cost is \$20 for each additional insured. UMECRA will be paying for 1/2 of the cost of the primary insurance costs only; no part of the additional insured will be paid by UMECRA. The insurance cost is \$45/day (1/2 of this cost will be paid by UMECRA). If you have any questions, please contact Jill at: jfeller@conley.net or 920.948.9502.

Jill Feller
UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer

APRIL RIDES:

April 5-6—Oak Leaf Run
Allegan Nat.For., MI
RIDE HAS REQUESTED RE-SCHEDULE TO JULY. MORE INFO TO COME.

April 19-20
Brighton Comp.
Howell, MI

April 26-27
Iron Oak
Saukville, WI

Complete info
will be available
soon in ride
book and at
umecra.com

Attention!
Have you renewed?

Look on your mailing label. If your name has a * in front of it, you haven't paid your 2008 UMECRA dues and this is the last newsletter you will receive until you renew. Renewal form inside.



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HELPFUL RIDER HINT #297

Pre-entries to rides in UMECRA are a big time and sometimes money saver. Print off a NEW ride entry agreement from the website or make a copy from the soon to come ride book. Fill it out except for the ride and the mileage and type of ride if you don't know. Yes, you can even sign and date it! Get your horse's current Coggins and your AERC card (if you ride endurance or LD) and make a bunch of 2 sided copies with the entry & AERC card in one corner and the Coggins on the back. Send to ride manager 2 - 3 weeks before the ride, though earlier is okay too. You don't have to send any money. (Some rides have a pre-entry deadline for a discount, so watch the ride flyers!) Then at the ride you can walk right up to the ride office and get your completed competitive or endurance card and walk away. No need to sit and fill out paperwork in windy conditions on an uneven writing surface. You can be off to vet in, while all those other folks are still looking for their AERC cards!

RIDE MANAGER TIP #156

Make it easier to sort heavyweight, lightweight and junior riders by either adding and H, L or J to the rider number. OR just put a small H, L or J in the corner by the ride number on the sheet for quick and easy sorting and tabulating at scoring time.

Tips submitted by Theresa Meyer. If YOU have a tip to share, send it to UMECRAnews@gmail.com.

CAMPAIGNING AN OLDER HORSE/MULE THIS YEAR?

Nominate your steed for the new UMECRA High Point Senior Equine award! It's FREE!

This award will honor the equine 20 years of age or older that accrues the highest number of UMECRA points during the season. The equine may compete in multiple divisions (endurance, limited distance, competitive, novice, driving) and with any number of riders. The equine must complete at least 4 rides to be eligible. In the event of a tie, other factors such as miles completed and consistency of performance/ completion will be considered to determine the winner.

To be considered for the award, each equine should be nominated in writing accompanied by proof of age (registration papers or vet letter or other evidence for unregistered animals). Please send nominations to: Sharon Hahn, 22175 Cedar Drive NW, Oak Grove, MN 55011.

Note: New ride entry forms contain new liability waiver language and should be used for all 2008 rides. Form available in ride book or at www.umecra.com

On behalf of Steve Smith, Maxine Bernsdorf, myself and the rest of the DRAW membership, I'd like to say "THANK YOU!" to the individual that donated the three saddles for our 2007 endurance, LD, and competitive 4X4 Challenge awards. Riding is very rewarding, but earning something such as this, makes our hard work and efforts that much more worthwhile. Your generous donation was greatly appreciated!

With the 2008 ride season fast approaching, and eleven WI rides on the midwest ride schedule, I would like to encourage everyone to consider Distance Riders Association of Wisconsin when joining distance groups this year. We will again be offering yearend awards in endurance, LD, and competitive divisions for juniors and seniors, as well as a versatility award, the 4X4 Challenge awards, and a novice division award for 2008.

With the price of gas looking to go higher, and many of you attending a lot of the Wisconsin rides anyway, why not get more out of those completed distance miles?!? Consider joining DRAW. . . .

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UMECRA Membership Form: circle one **Single \$25** **Family \$35**

Please include all names of family members. Juniors are riders who are 16 and under as of December 15 of previous year; identify which names are junior riders. ***Please write clearly!***

Date: _____

Names: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Prefer Newsletter: circle one Hard copy Email version
Email will be the default method for the NL if nothing is circled

Please mail completed form along with fee to:
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We would like to invite you to call, email or visit!
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ARE YOU READY FOR RIDE SEASON?

Here's a few things you can do while waiting for your favorite trails to open:

1. Get Coggins tests.
2. Service trailer brakes and bearings.
3. Make campsite reservations.
4. Renew UMECRA, AERC, and local club memberships.
5. Clean out and organize tack room (and maybe find the shedding blade or clippers?)
6. Buy annual trail passes.

Happy trails!

**UMECRA
ADVERTISING
RATES**

WEBSITE AD RATES:

\$5 per ad (text only)
\$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.

Newsletter ad rates:	1 time	2-3 times	4-8 times	9-10 times	the year
Classified 10 lines * \$.60 extra per line	\$6.00				
Business Cards	\$8.50	\$6.80 ea.	\$5.95 ea.	\$5.50 ea.	\$51.00
Quarter Page	\$20.00	\$16.00 ea.	\$14.00 ea.	\$13.00 ea.	\$120.00
Half Page	\$25.00	\$20.00 ea.	\$17.50 ea.	\$16.25 ea.	\$150.00
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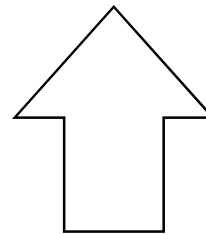
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CHANGES TO RIDE SCHEDULE:

1. Oak Leaf Run has requested a date change to July. More information will follow next month.
2. Salamonie Sizzler (IN) has been sanctioned by UMECRA and will be held July 26-27.
3. AHDRA has received sanctioning for a one-day ride on Sunday, October 5th (one day after the AHA National CTR, which is not UMECRA-sanctioned).

The following events will be held: 60mi endurance, 30 mile LD, 30 mile competitive. 15 mile competitive novice, 15 mile competitive drive.

The location is Big River in Keithsburg, Illinois.



UMECRA RIDE SCHEDULE IN A NUTSHELL

April 5-6 **see note
Oak Leaf Run
Allegan Nat.For., MI

April 12-13 - Open

April 19-20
Brighton Comp.
Howell, MI

April 26-27
Iron Oak
Saukville, WI

May 3-4
White River Spring
Hesperia, MI
MnDRA I
Sand Dunes State
Forest, MN
DRAW I
Greenbush, WI

May 10-11
Glacier Trails
Palmyra, WI

May 16-18
Run for The Border
Wolf Creek, WI
Dead Dog Creek
Kinmundy, IL

May 24 - 25
Grand Island Rides
Rapid River, MI

May 31 - June 1
Maplewood West
Pelican Rapids, MN
AHDRA I
Wyanet, IL

June 7-8
ApDRA
Palmyra, WI

June 13-15
White River Summer
Hesperia, MI
SE Minnesota
Forestville, MN

June 21-22 - Open

June 28-29
Hopkins Creek
Manton, MI

July 4-6
Endless Valley
Spring Green, WI

Mosquito Run
Rogers, MN

July 11-13
Endure for a Cure
East Peoria, IL

July 19-20 - Open
July 26-27
Wildcat
Neillsville, WI

August 2-3 - Open
August 9-10
Louise Riedel Mem.
Arkdale, WI

Warm Up
Oscala, MI
August 11-15
Shore to Shore
Across Michigan

August 16-17
Cool Down
Empire, MI
Thistle Down Run
Frazee, MN

August 23-14
Northern Highland
Boulder Junction,
WI

Rock River Ride
Utica, IL

August 30-31
White River Fall
Hesperia, MI

September 1
White River Labor D
Hesperia, MI

September 6-7
Charity Cup
Pillager, MN
Keweenaw
Bootjack, MI
Lincoln Trails
Oakwood, IL

September 13-14
Colorama
Greenbush, WI
Tin Cup Springs
Luther, MI

September 20-21
Run For The Ridge
Fairfax, MN

September 27-28
Pine Martin Run
Nahma Junction, MI
DRAW IV
Palmyra, WI

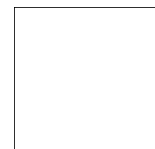
October 4-5
AHA National
Competitive Ride
Galena, IL

October 11-12
Brighton Comp.
Howell, MI

October 17-19
Point Chaser
Hinckley, MN

Oct. 25-26—Open
Nov. 1-2—Open

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