

September 2015

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



RIDE SCHEDULE!

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Date	Ride Name	Location
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

Former Wisconsin members Ray and Audrey Gehrig established this scholarship in 1996. Additional tax deductible contributions are welcome for anyone at any time. Many UMECRA members have made charitable contributions to support this scholarship fund in the past. We encourage members to continue to add memorial gifts and honorariums to the fund to support this worthy scholarship for youth and others returning to school. You can donate directly on-line at the website cfsw.org

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UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE & COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

c/o Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin

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Let the games begin.... Ride Results!

Rock River Charity 8/29 - 15 Mile Competitive Drive			
Tim	Casserly	Auran Bachlava/Amir Sam PMR	1
Ray	Hubert	Lone Oak	2
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	3
Rock River Charity 8/29 - 30 Mile Competitive HW			
Deb	Searle	WOA Ravens Premier +/	1
Aaron	Mowrer	EAF Sweet Clementine	2
Sarah	Mowrer	Arazi's Thunder Rose	3
Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	P
Rock River Charity 8/29 - 30 Mile Competitive Jr			
Haley	Elliott	Zephyrus TF	1
Rock River Charity 8/29 - 30 Mile Competitive LW			
Holly	Elgin	Ashe	1
Sally	Hoff (Rookie)	John Henry	2
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	3
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	4
Lori	Windows	JA Bannarr	5
Rock River Charity 8/29 - 15 Mile Competitive Drive			
Kathy	Skoza	Red	1
Ray	Hubert	Lone Oak	2
Tim	Casserly	Auran Bachlava/Amir Sam PMR	3
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	4

Rock River Charity 8/29 - 60 Mile Endurance HW			
Gerald	Cummings	Bethany Grey C	1
Robin	Schadt	Kayheart	2
Paula	Kaigh	DB Dahman	3
Jim	Andriakos	WBNeelsons Thunderbyrd	4
Frank	Langhof	BZ Sierra Sunrise	5
Marge	Dixon	Kenlyn Rendezvous	6
Kathi	Soukup	GSF Frankie	C
Guy	Worthington	JG Randie	P
Rock River Charity 8/29 - 60 Mile Endurance Jr			
Charlie D	Koester	Lu-Nor Sovereign	1
Rock River Charity 8/29 - 60 Mile Endurance LW			
Madiya	Al Maktoum	Golden Lightning	1
Julia	Binder	GR Al Sharif Najem	2
Belinda	Cook	BF Four by Four	3
Jan	Worthington	Mistu Bonded in Gold	P
Laura	Marshall	Gracie	P
Rock River Charity 8/29 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Craig	Rausch	AMF Renoir Memphis	1
Christina	Hyke	Karinos Fire	2
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	3
Lynda	Zimmerman	Lluvia del Norte	4
Roberta	Harms	JM Cest La Vie	5
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	6
Christopher	Power	WineGlass Debonair	C
Martha	Power	SA Te Jat	C
Roxy	Welling	Spanish Julio	C
Cassandra	Roberts	Djetts Favorite	C
Rock River Charity 8/29 - 15 Mile Competitive Novice			
Beth	Rudy	WineGlass Dora	1
Suzanne	Burrows	H Wineglass Bacchus	2
Bethany	Johnson	REA Tempted by Ghaz	3
Kaylie	Ramsey (Hulsey)	Lilly	3
Art	Anderson	Pick N Asset	5
Allison	Willemkeus	Falling For Afire CDA	MO
Amanda	Clark	RAL Tornado	MO
Karen	Tellef	Okan Extraordinaire	MO
Peter	Dordal	Shabbona Isaac	MO
Rock River Charity 8/30 - 30 Mile Competitive HW			
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	1
Rock River Charity 8/30 - 30 Mile Competitive LW			
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	1
Jessica	Rudstrom	DLF Boudicca XX	2
Rock River Charity 8/30 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Summer	Stahl	Ebony Sraff	1
Charlie D	Koester	MRPF Penique Brillante	2



Rock River Charity 8/30 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	1
Marge	Dixon	Kenlyn Intrigue	2
Cassandra	Roberts	Ettouile	3
Peter	Dordal	Amaz'n Grace	4
Frank	Langhof	Jewel	5
Jan	Worthington	Dimitri	6
Amanda	Clark	RAL Tornado	C
Amy	Betzelberger	Lexus	C
Angela	Stahl	Zip Like An Egyptian	C
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	C
Joe	Vitale	Scout	C
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	C
Julie	Jackson Biegert	BZ Seattle	C
Laura	Marshall	JG Rusty	C
Linda	Jacobson	Mi Precious Ruby	C
Nicole	Mauser-Storer	Sosas Playboy at Sonset	C
Rita	Wehrman	KGMF Rebel Heart	C
Roberta	Harms	JM Cest La Vie	C
Vera	Betzelberger	Starr Quest	C
Vicki	Wright	Kayla	C
Christina	Hyke	My Ransomed Heart	P
Lynda	Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevado	P
Paula	Kaigh	GR Al Sharif Najem	P
Rock River Charity 8/30 - 315 Mile Competitive Novice			
Beth	Rudy	WineGlass Dora	1
Suzanne	Burrows	H Wineglass Bacchus	2
Kaylie	Ramsey (Hulsey)	Lilly	3
Karen	Tellef	Okan Extraordinaire	MO

Northern Highlands 8/22 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	1
Barb	Gardner	RR Roman Scooter	2
Allison	Goetz	Shadowtrax	3
Stephanie	Crispin	AllAboutMajestic	P
Northern Highlands 8/22 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Maxine	Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	1
Jeanne	Crispin	Tioga Peak	2
Melinda	Stewart	McCues Miss Behavin	3
Kathy	Schauer	Morning Glory XX	4
Susan	Grossenbacher	NW Otono Blue Sky	5
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	6
Linda	Jacobson	Mi Precious Ruby	C
Bev	Specht	JS Arabalest	C
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	C
Northern Highlands 8/22 - 12 Mile Competitive Novice			
Natasha	Kaehler	Queens Peppy Pistol	1
Matt	Hennig	Lilly	2
Amber	Hennig	Lexi Lee Bismark	3
Jeannie	Jernberg	Candyman's Best	4
Northern Highlands 8/22 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr			
Brenna	Baemmert	Missy	1
Ruby	Filhart	Frost	2
Alexis	Unangst	Lil Bits George Amir	3
Cassidy	Wiethoff	Black Jack	4
Leah	Schnobrich	Buffy	5

Northern Highlands 8/22 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	1
Jessi	Dux	Renegade Raja	2
Julia	Newton	Lucca	3
Katie	Bachhuber	JG Sammy	4
Peggy	Pasillas	Mattanahs Joker	5
Karen	Bahrman	Prada SF	6
Sarah	Maass	Royal Ajax	C
Dana	Gasner	Remington	C
Kayla M.	Shope	Lu-Nor Tornado	C
Pam	Cotton	Cherokee Diamond Bunny	C
Eileen	Kirsch	Sabins Scooter	C
Dawn	Keast	Californiadreamon	C
Mary	Lambert	Psyches Amore	C
Roberta	Harms	Lady Jane	C
Candy	Barbo	Psyche On Fire	P
Northern Highlands 8/22 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	P
Kathi	Soukup	TSF Time	4
Sheryl	O'Brien	Wild River Sundancer	3
Barry	Saylor	MD Colorful Touch	2
Wes	Elford	Suzie Q	1
Northern Highlands 8/22 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	1
Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danielle	2
Diane	Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	3
Crystal	Payment	KJ Sterling Psylver	3
Teresa	Fett	CR Eastir Lyllee	5
Taryn	Dentinger	TKO Rhio Bask	6
Jennifer	Prouty	Polly's Georgian Knight	C
Tracy	Johnson	Mombo Number Five	C
Shirley	May	Pieta Creo Que	C
Jill	Feller	Trouble MHF	C
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	C
Dale	Lunde	Images Princess Haily	C
Christina	Hyke	My Ransomed Heart	C
Paula	Goligowski	Little Bay	C
Jen	Moore	Sidney Rain	C
Laurie	Henschel	Ebony's Bravo Moon	C
Lynda	Zimmerman	Lluvia del Norte	C
Lise	Lunde	Images Princess Haily	P
Northern Highlands 8/23 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	1
Northern Highlands 8/23 - 25 Mile Competitive Jr			
Brenna	Baemmert	CR Tequila Rose	1
Northern Highlands 8/23 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Maxine	Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	1
Jeanne	Crispin	Tioga Peak	2
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	3
Melinda	Stewart	McCues Miss Behavin	4
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	5
Kathy	Schauer	Morning Glory XX	6
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	C
Stephanie	Crispin	AllAboutMajestic	P

Northern Highlands 8/23 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Cassidy	Wiethoff	Black Jack	1
Leah	Schnobrich	Buffy	2
Ana	Holder	Above All Grace	3
Northern Highlands 8/23 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Jessica	Dux	Foxy Sterling Silver	1
Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danielle	2
Wendy	Maas	Silver Russian	3
Teresa	Fett	CR Eastir Lyllee	4
Laurie	Henschel	Ebony's Bravo Moon	5
Elizabeth E.	Bell	Shamira Mchl	6
Pam	Cotton	Wyatt's Dire Straits	C
Sarah	Maass	Royal Ajax	C
Paula	Goligowski	WillieWinchester	C
Julia	Newton	Thaddius	C
Shirley	May	Atalissa	C
Lynda	Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevado	C
Crystal	Payment	KJ Sterling Psylver	C
Don	Schermerhorn	High Ole Matilda	C
Diane	Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	C
Natasha	Teske	PM Fire Echo	C
Christina	Hyke	Karinos Fire	C

Louise Reidel Memorial 8/8 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Allison	Goetz	Sara K Circle W	1
Tom	Lisi	Ice	2
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	3
Barb	Gardner	RR Roman Scooter	4
Laurie	Brown	VC Makita	5
Andrea	Pfeifer (Rookie)	Nite Tripper	6
Linda	Mowrer	Rasuli The Magnificent	C
Sarah	Mowrer	Arazi's Thunder Rose	C
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/8 - 25 Mile Competitive JR			
Haley	Elliott (Rookie)	Zephyrus TF	1
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/8 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	1
Lynn	Reichert	CR Raazberry Dreme	2
Kathy	Schauer	Morning Glory XX	3
Laura	Savatski	Murphy's Law	4
Eileen	Kirsch	Mattingley Hour Glass	5
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	6
Nancy	Salazar	Nebulucnt	C
Melinda	Stewart	Mccues Miss Behavin	C
Darlene	Molitor	Vallies Amerah	C
Kristine	Wacker (Rookie)	Patch Adams	C
Linda	Jacobson	Mi Precious Ruby	C
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/8 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Wes	Elford	Suzie Q	1
Guy	Worthington	JG Randie	2
Jim	Andriakos (Rookie)	WBNelsons Thunderbyrd	3
Kathi	Soukup	TSF Time	4
Janet	Sarver	Pswoosh	5
Walter	Freiberg	Chazz (Va Chazz Seleeta)	P
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/8 - 50 Mile Endurance JR			
Charlie D	Koester	Gracie	1
Grace	Steffl	Indiana	2
Cassidy	Wiethoff	Black Jack	3
Alexis	Unangst	Lil Bits George Amir	4
Leah	Schnobrich	Buffy	P

Louise Reidel Memorial 8/8 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Jessi	Dux	Renegade Raja	1
Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	2
Candy	Barbo	Psyche On Fire	3
Katie	Bachhuber	JG Sammy	4
Jan	Worthington	Mistu Bonded in Gold	5
Julie	Jackson Biegert	RAL Tornado	6
Elizabeth	Frieders	Hotsprings Fandango	C
Dawn	Keast	Californiadreamon	C
Dana	Gasner	Remington	C
Sarah	Maass	Royal Ajax	C
Suzanne	Warren	PPF Geoms Sonly	P
Barry	Saylor	MD Colorful Touch	P
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/8 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	1
Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	2
Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danielle	3
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	4
Jean	Allen	Walor AF	5
Janette	Sasena	Caduceus Oriana	6
Jen	Moore	Sidney Rain	C
Kimberly Ann	Fosler	BZ Cojeseryn Sahar	C
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	C
Kathryn	Vadnais	Nobel Effects	C
Christina	Hyke	Sassy Aspen	C
Shirley	May	Pieta Creo Que	C
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/8 - 12 Mile Competitive Novice			
Cathy Jo	Luck	Chase	1
Art	Anderson	Pick N Asset	3
Susan	Grossenbacher	NW Otono Blue Sky	4
Karen	Heireman	Sunny	5
Amber	Hennig	Lilly	6
Beth	Rudy	WineGlass Dora	C
Natasha	Haehler	Queen Poppy Pistol	C
Lainey	Becker	Gizmo	C
Kristi	Megli	Phoenix	C
Liz	Epp	Moonsadow	1
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/8 - 12 Mile Competitive Drive			
Tim	Casserly	Auran Bachlava/Amir Sam PMR	3
Wes	Licht	Rossali	1
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	2
Sharon	Hahn	My Cameo Love	4
Charlene	Ehlert	Cosmos Celiste	5
Ray	Hubert	Lone Oak	6
Jeanne	White	Chessica	C
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/9 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Wendy	Maas	Silver Russian	1
Jessi	Dux	Fox Sterling Silver	2
Jon	Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	3
Julie	Jackson Biegert	BZ Seattle	4
Jan	Worthington	GH Hidalgo	5
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	6
Lynda	Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevado	C
Tracy	Johnson	Mombo Number Five	C
Kimberly Ann	Fosler	BZ Cojeseryn Sahar	C
Christina	Hyke	Mandate For Gold	C
Shirley	May	Atalissa	C
Sarah	Maass	My Name Is Bob	C
Mary	Otto	Noor Qahlbi	C
Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger Danielle	P
Sue	Schedin	Faden Gazad	P
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/9 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Charlie D	Koester	MRPF Penique Brillante	1
Cassidy	Wiethoff	WS Cabalero	2

Louise Reidel Memorial 8/9 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Andrea	Pfeifer (Rookie)	Nite Tripper	1
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	1
Stephanie	Crispin	AllAboutMajestic	3
Jeanne	Crispin	Tioga Peak	4
Jim	Andriakos (Rookie)	CR Cosmic Eclipse	5
Sarah	Mowrer	KW Magnum Archie	6
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/9 - 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	1
Jessica	Rudstrum	DLF Boudicca XX	1
Kathy	Schauer	Morning Glory XX	1
Melinda	Stewart	McCues Miss Behavin	5
Kristine	Wacker (Rookie)	Patch Adams	6
Laura	Savatski	Murphy's Law	C
Bev	Specht	JH Arabalest	C
Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	C
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/9 - 25 Mile Competitive Jr			
Haley	Elliott (Rookie)	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	1
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/9 - 12 Mile Competitive Drive			
Sharon	Hahn	My Cameo Love	3
Ray	Hubert	Lone Oak	2
Jeanne	White	Chessica	1
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/9 - 25 Mile Competitive Drive			
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	1
Louise Reidel Memorial 8/9 - 12 Mile Competitive Novice			
Nancy	McCoy	Pete the Mule	MO
Marlene	Nauta	DJ's Laeavnem Lukn	MO
Bev	Specht	Magna Cum Lowde	MO
Shore to Shore Warm Up 8/2/15 - 30 Mile Competitive HW			
Melinda	Capuano (Rookie)	Frederico	1
Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	2
Shore to Shore Warm Up 8/2/15 - 30 Mile Competitive Jr			
Fianna	Gruebner	Party Party	1
Shore to Shore Warm Up 8/2/15 - 30 Mile Competitive LW			
Jessica	Gruebner	JR Perseus	1
Beverly	London	Styrker Grani	2
Shore to Shore Warm Up 8/2/15 - 55 Mile Endurance HW			
Earle	Baxter	Cameo	1
Bill	Wilson	My Way	2
Farzad	Faryadi	Deseratta AA	3
Shore to Shore Warm Up 8/2/15 - 55 Mile Endurance Jr			
Morgan	Loomis	The Perfect Angel	1
Shore to Shore Warm Up 8/2/15 - 55 Mile Endurance LW			
Rusty	Toth	RB Calvin	1
Connie	Caudill	Terminator	2
Lois	McAfee	Samir	3
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	4
Amy	Yatsko	Captain	5
Shannon	Loomis	Quest for Star	P
Shore to Shore Warm Up 8/2/15 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Katelyn	Fleming	RTM Fancy	1
Shore to Shore Warm Up 8/2/15 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Myra	Fleming	Boomerang	1
Lisa	Germann	Over Brooks Image +/	2
Barb	Kurti	Kulta	3
Mary	Mast	Synnonym	4
Mary	Chmielewski	Quick Silver	5
Jim	Rawski	JC Darius	6
Connie	Rawski	JC Zymone	C

S2S Day 1 8/3 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	1
S2S Day 1 8/3 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Farzad	Faryadi	All That Jazz	1
Earle	Baxter	Cameo	2
S2S Day 1 8/3 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr			
Morgan	Loomis	The Perfect Angel	1
S2S Day 1 8/3 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Connie	Caudill	Tans Terminator	1
Lois	McAfee	Samir	2
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	3
Rachael	Meinders	Mattingley KC Heart	4
Denise	Tudor-Hayes	Emmitt	5
Amy	Yatsko	Captain	6
S2S Day 1 8/3 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Katelyn	Fleming	RTM Fancy	1
S2S Day 1 8/3 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Myra	Fleming	Boomerang	1
Diane	Meinders	MS Dasani	2
Jim	Rawski	JC Darius	3
Barb	Kurti	Kulta	4
Mary	Mast	Synnonym	
S2S Day 2 8/4 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	1
S2S Day 2 8/4 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Earle	Baxter	Cameo	1
S2S Day 2 8/4 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr			
Morgan	Loomis	The Perfect Angel	1
S2S Day 2 8/4 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Denise	Tudor-Hayes	Emmitt	1
Rachael	Meinders	Mattingly KC Heart	2
S2S Day 2 8/4 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Stacey	Cooper (RM ONLY)	Lil Nikki	1
Shannon	Loomis		2
Barb	Kurti	Kulta	3
S2S Day 3 8/5 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	1
S2S Day 3 8/5 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Earle	Baxter	Cameo	1
Bill	Wilson	My Way	2
Farzad	Faryadu	All That Jazz	P
S2S Day 3 8/5 50 Mile Endurance Jr			
Morgan	Loomis	The Perfect Angel	1
S2S Day 3 8/5 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Connie	Caudill	Tans Terminator	1
Lois	McAfee	Samir	2
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	3
Amy	Yatsko	Captain	4
Denise	Tudor-Hayes	Emmitt	5
Rachael	Meinders	Mattingley KC Heart	6

S2S Day 3 8/5 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Stacey	Cooper (RM ONLY)	Lil Nikki	1
Shannon	Loomis	Quest For Star	2
Sarah	Smith	Alexie	3
Diane	Meinders	MS Dasani	4
Jim	Rawski	JC Darius	5
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	6
Diana	Macdonald	Private Benjamin	
Vivianne	Macdonald	Modern Major General	
Barb	Kurti	Kulta	C
S2S Day 4 8/6 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	1
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	2
S2S Day 4 8/6 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Earle	Baxter	I Am Amazing	1
Farzad	Faryadi	Deseratta AA	2
S2S Day 4 8/6 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr			
Morgan	Loomis	The Perfect Angel	1
S2S Day 4 8/6 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Rachael	Meinders	Ms Dasani	1
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	2
Helen	Lynn	Piper's Prime Time	
S2S Day 4 8/6 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Shannon	Loomis	Quest For Star	1
Jim	Rawski	JC Darius	2
Barb	Kurti	Kulta	3
S2S Day 5 8/7 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	1
S2S Day 5 8/7 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Earle	Baxter	Cameo	1
Bill	Gage	Piper's Prime Time	2
Farzad	Faryadi	Deseratta AA	3
S2S Day 5 8/7 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr			
Morgan	Loomis	Th Perfect Angel	1
S2S Day 5 8/7 - 50 Mile Endurance LW			
Rachael	Meinders	MS Dasani	1
Kayla M.	Shope	Lu-Nor Tornado	2
Shannon	Loomis	Quest For Star	C
Kelsey	Shope	Frost	P
S2S Day 5 8/7 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr			
Barb	Kurti	Kulta	1



S2S Cool Down 8/8 - 50 Mile Endurance Lw			
Karen	Bahrman	Prada SF	1
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	2
S2S Cool Down 8/8 - 25 Mile Limited Distance SR			
Leslie Rea	Bennett	Lis's Love	1
Trevor	Birr	Kulta	2
Kayla	Shope	Lu-Nor Tornado	3
Sarah	Smith		4
Susan	Elben	Lightning Jack	
S2S Cool Down 8/8 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Jeanne	Aslakson	Quincy QT	1
Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	2

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The following rides are included in the Year-To-Date points:

Brighton Spring	Maplewood West	Mosquito Run
MnDra I	Ahdra's Endure	Ahdra - My Back Ya!
Kettles N Bits	ApDra	Grand Island North
White River Spring	White River Summer	Bonecrusher
Glacier Trails	SE Minnesota	Shore to Shore
Border Battle Boogie	Hopkin's Creek	Louise Reidel Memoir
Grand Island	Endless Valley	Northern Highland

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Top 20 Placings only – go to www.UMECRA.com for full point listings.

Competitive - HW		
Karen Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	112
Bonnie Mielke	Ola Loki	100.4
Stephanie Crispin	AllAboutMajestic	72.8
Laurie Brown	VC Makita	65.4
Melinda Capuano (Rookie)	Frederico	64.2
Barb Gardner	RR Roman Scooter	59.4
Jim Andriakos (Rookie)	CR Cosmic Eclipse	58.8
Ken Wright	Samaha Gameela	54.4
Andrea Pfeifer (Rookie)	Nite Tripper	50
Shannon Weston	Samaha Spirit Dancer	45
Sarah Mowrer	KW Magnum Archie	44
Deb Searle	WOA Ravens Premier +/	37
Sandra Wright	LW Raajas Chip	35.2
Bonnie Mielke	DLF Boudicca XX	27.4
Jeanne Aslakson	Quincey QT	26.4
Sarah Mowrer	Arazi's Thunder Rose	25
Carl Dosmann	Paper Icon	24.4
Sherry Scheibelhut	Vallies SharDonae	24.2
Ed Barbo	Psyche On Fire	23.2
Becki Sanford	Stryka Major Chord	22
Competitive - Jr		
Whitney Meinders	MS Dasani	70.4
Brenna Baemmert	RFR Crimson Crescent	44.2
Haley Elliott	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	44
Haley Elliott	Zephyrus TF	43
Lukas Dragunas	Khepera Shakreekh	38
Fianna Gruebner	Party Party	37.4
Ravyn Swanson	Proud Rageyma	33
Rachael Meinders	Mattingley KC Heart	23
Miranda Ann Miller	Brittany Rolsthedice	11
Brenna Baemmert	CR Tequila Rose	11

Competitive - LW		
Laura Husser	CDWD Margarita	175.4
Ruth Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	123.8
Melinda Stewart	McCues Miss Behavin	88.2
Maxine Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	86.4
Kathy Schauer	Morning Glory XX	86
Bev Specht	JH Arabalest	79.2
Linda Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	75.6
Lori Windows	JA Bannarr	67.2
Kristine Wacker (Rookie)	Patch Adams	59.6
Laura Savatski	Murphy's Law	43
Sally Hoff (Rookie)	John Henry	43
Lori Windows	Mahrtina	42
Linda Jacobson	Mi Precious Ruby	41
Beverly London	Styrker Grani	39.2
Jan Rivard	Jewell	34
Jeanne Crispin	Tioga Peak	33.2
Nancy Salazar	Nebulucent	32
Jessica Gruebner	JR Perseus	31.8
Cathy Cook	Red Cloud	29
Victoria Robison	FC Zhivago	28.8
Competitive - Novice		
Kaylie Ramsey (Hulsey)	Lilly	22.76
Beth Rudy	WineGlass Dora	22.5
Cathy Jo Luck	Chase	18.4
Art Anderson	Pick N Asset	15.96
Susan Grossenbacher	NW Otono Blue Sky	14.4
Tiahna Flemming	Leeroy	14.04
Amber Hennig	Lexi Lee Bismark	13.08
Melissa Norton	Guston	10.76
Suzanne Burrows	H. Wineglass Bacchus	10.2
Tina Opinker	Jet	9.68
LeAnn Williams	Bree	8.4
Laura Vartanian	Stryder	8.32
Elynor Gregorich	Bears	7.5
Dana Blattner	Cody	6.72
Lynn Haase	Fuzz	6.6
Susi Schuchard	TA Dancing Star	6
Donald Hudson	A Ali Aseel	6
Amy Scharmen-Burgdolf	Coosa Valley Indiana Jone	5.4
Keri Wesley	Gotta Flirt	4.8
Competitive - Drive		
Alice Hubert	K-Macaroni	67.48
Tim Casserly	Auran Bachlava/Amir Sam PM	41.46
Jeanne White	Chessica	31.4
Sharon Hahn	My Cameo Love	17.96
Aaron Mowrer	Arazi	15.5
Ray Hubert	Lone Oak	7.68
Wes Licht	Rossali	5.28
Katz Jackson	Feather Ridge Crystal	4.8



<i>Endurance - HW</i>		
Sheryl O'Brien	Wild River Sundancer	132
Wes Elford	Suzie Q	122
Joel Hildebrandt	BE Spartacus	88.4
Walter Freiberg	Chazz (Va Chazz Seleeta)	84.4
Jim Andriakos	WBNelsons Thunderbyrd	82
Guy Worthington	JG Randie	70
Guy Worthington	PA Hi-Spirit	67
Edward Hauser	Stevie Ray	63.7
Kathi Soukup	TSF Time	62
Kathi Soukup	GSF Frankie	58
Barry Saylor	MD Colorful Touch	55.2
Deb Searle	Sultann Sundance	54
Jen Allen	WMA Shadrach	40
Marge Dixon	Kenlyn Rendezvous	40
Cassandra Green	Tryllerika	24.2
Robin Schadt	Kayheart	22
Sherry Aune	Lily Creek Rhythm	22
Bonnie Mielke	Ola Loki	22
Carl Dosmann	Paper Icon	22
Guy Worthington	Quick Millineum	20
<i>Endurance - Jr</i>		
Ainsley Suskey	Mi Lucky Charm	132.2
Cassidy Wiethoff	Black Jack	122
Grace Steffl	Indiana	116.4
Brenna Baemmert	Missy	82
Leah Schnobrich	Buffy	60
Charlie D Koester	Lu-Nor Soverign	55
Alexis Unangst	Lil Bits George Amir	54
Charlie D Koester	Impact PSY	44
Charlie D Koester	MRPF Penique Brillante	42
Charlie D Koester	Gracie	22
Ruby Filhart	Frost	20
<i>Endurance - LW</i>		
Linda Hamrick	RTM First In Line	189.8
Rachael Meinders	Mattingley KC Heart	159.8
Roberta Harms	Lady Jane	130
Katie Bachhuber	JG Sammy	128
Jodi Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	121.4
Peggy Pasillas	Mattanahs Joker	92
Sheila Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	91.4
Scott Campbell	JG Kings Major	82.4
Karen Bahrman	Prada SF	73.8
Melissa Coolich	Rumor SWA	72
Cody Collins	Lazers Legacy	68
Belinda Cook	BF Four by Four	64
Theresa Meyer	Queen Heartt	55.2
Pam Cotton	Cherokee Diamond Bunny	53
Dana Gasner	Remington	52.8
Linda Jacobson	Majer Ridge Scarlet Debut	49
Candy Barbo	Psyche On Fire	48
Emily Meyer	Vallies Jazirah	46.4
Dawn Keast	Californiadreamon	46
Eileen Kirsch	Sabins Scooter	44

<i>Limited Distance - Jr</i>		
Charlie D Koester	MRPF Penique Brillante	44
Ainsley Suskey	Wyatt's Dire Straits	36.2
Emma Christopherson	My Name Is Bob	27.8
Ava McCarty	Dynamo Dash	21.8
Grace Steffl	Indiana	13.2
Alexis Unangst	Lil Bits George Amir	12
Emma Christopherson	Misty	11
Cassidy Wiethoff	Black Jack	11
Leah Schnobrich	Buffy	10
Whitney Meinders	MS Dasani	10
Cassidy Wiethoff	WS Caballero	10
Ainsley Suskey	FRF The Icebaby	9
<i>Limited Distance - Sr</i>		
Lisa Docter	HS Kiger Danielle	149
Jon Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	106.6
Barb Kurti	Kulta	88.6
Diane Merz	Sterling Illusion	77.8
Laurie Henschel	Ebony's Bravo Moon	74.2
Diane Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	62
Charlotte Tuhly	Raffimas Image	56.4
DJ McQueen	Moon Is A Star	56.2
Carol Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	52
Lynda Zimmerman	Lluvia del Norte	52
Roberta Harms	JM Cest La Vie	50
Teresa Fett	CR Eastir Lyllee	49.8
Lynda Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevado	48.2
Jean Allen	Walor AF	47.6
Jodi Johannessen	Denndi Moore	46.2
Leslie Rea Bennett	Lis's Love	44.8
Anne Anderson	Jets TAHR Mindy	44.4
Dale Lunde	Images Princess Haily	43
Sarah Maass	Royal Ajax	39.2
Jen Moore	Sidney Rain	39
<i>Rookie Nominations - Endurance</i>		
Haley Elliot	Zephyrus TF	22
<i>Rookie Nominations - Competitive</i>		
Kristine Wacker	Patch Adams	81.6
Melinda Capuano	Frederico	72.6
Jim Andriakos	CR Cosmic Eclipse	62.8
Andrea Pfeifer	Nite Tripper	56
Sally Hoff	John Henry	45.2
Laura Standley	Aliviia	21
<i>Junior High Point Rider</i>		
Charlie D Koester		207
Ainsley Suskey		177.4
Cassidy Wiethoff		143
Brenna Baemmert		137.2
Grace Steffl		129.6
<i>Senior High Point Rider</i>		
Jodi Johannessen		211.6
Linda Hamrick		197
Guy Worthington		187
Lori Windows		173.4
Rachael Meinders		171.8

AHDRA's Triple Crown Standings – Top 8

Gerri Cummings	<i>Bethany Grey</i>	31
Ruth Casserly	<i>Auran Harley Davidson</i>	27
Sarah Mowrer	<i>KE Magnum Archie</i>	27
Haley Elliott	<i>Ella N Fires Jane Doe</i>	22
Roberta Harms	<i>JM Cest La Vie</i>	20
Aaron Mowrer	<i>Sweet Clementine</i>	17
Aaron Mowrer	<i>Arazi</i>	15.5
Sarah Mowrer	<i>Arazi's Thunder Rose</i>	14

These are the Top Eight. There are others who have ridden both AHDRA rides on the same horse, and I have your points on record. Remember you must attend the final AHDRA ride (Big River) and ride the same horse in any event in order to be eligible for the Gift Card, which has now been elevated to a value of \$500!!!! If you have any questions, please contact Lori Windows



First Completion!!!

UMECRA BOARD NEWS

The UMECRA Board of Directors received a letter authored by Elinore Tonsor who called together the ride managers present at Louise Riedel Bra Buster Memorial Ride in August. Quoting from the letter:

“Issues we discussed included, but were not limited to:

1. Rules disappearing from the UMECRA rule book and the fact that rider members have to pay \$10 extra dollars to get a printed copy of the rules.
2. The need for a thorough and appropriate annual financial report.
3. Declining membership.
4. The need for promotion of the sport of distance riding in the Midwest.
5. Concern over secret internet meetings held by the BOD with no minutes presented to reflect the purpose of the meetings or their outcome. Additional concern was expressed and discussed regarding the “Code of Conduct” that the BOD members were asked to sign and the non-disclosure clause that was included in that document. The decision of the group was to submit this letter to the Board and to those in control of the 2016 convention. The purpose of the letter is to request that a room be secured for a gathering of Ride Managers for early Friday Evening.”

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The board will address each of these concerns:

1A. Rules disappearing from the rulebook – the rule cited at the meeting -No mares in foal - has been present in the ridebook rules, online rules and ride manager rules book in the endurance and LD sections for many, many years. If you think a rule has gone missing please contact rules committee members: Theresa Meyer, Tony Troyer or Dr. Olivia Rudolphi ASAP. In our age of cutting and pasting in computer documents, an error could happen and we would not want a rule to drop out. UMECRA’s past minutes have been online for a few months. ((To view them go to: <http://www.umecra.com/meetingminutes.html>. The oldest minutes are in the right hand column and to search them you must download them. It took about a minute for me to download the largest files.))

1B. Rider members who want a printed copy of the rules and newsletters pay \$10 extra to get a printed copy. The rules are available online for free <http://www.umecra.com/BylawsAndRules/2015UMECRARULESforWeb.pdf>. Anyone may download them and print them off. Libraries have free computer access and downloading the rules onto a USB drive for printing at your favorite printer can be your option. The paper/electronic membership was separated a few years ago in an effort to keep memberships affordable. The \$10 helps UMECRA cover a small bit of the cost of postage and paper for the hard copies.

2. The need for a thorough and appropriate annual financial report: Here is Jill Feller’s response to the financial reporting: I am on my third term as UMECRA Secretary/Treasurer and I am addressing the concern of RM’s about a thorough financial report.

The financial report is presented at every BOD meeting and at the annual convention. The financial software that is used is QuickBooks (QB). The financial reports are presented in a clear and thorough manner so every member can understand them. The report at the convention covers the time period from January 1- December 31 of the previous year.

- A balance sheet lists all assets (banking accounts) belonging to the organization.
- o The balance sheet that is presented does not list any liabilities- why? UMECRA does not have any liabilities. What is a liability?

- o Liabilities are amounts that the company owes and will have to settle in the future.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF LIABILITIES

Current liabilities are those that are expected to be settled within one year, or one operating cycle—whichever is longer. Examples of current liabilities include accounts payable, demand loans and current portions of long-term liabilities.

Current liabilities are often compared to current assets as a measure of liquidity.

Long-term liabilities include ongoing commitments such as loans, mortgages, debentures, finance leases and other long-term financing arrangements.

- A detail Profit and Loss (P&L) sheet. This sheet has a line entry for every transaction that was entered into the QB software including the vendor or customer (member) name. (i.e. - for memberships, there would be a line transaction on this report for EVERY membership that was received throughout the year). This report is very lengthy- usually about 23 pages. Due to the size of this report and to save on copy costs, I usually only bring one or two of the printed Detail P&L reports to the convention in case someone wants to see it; I also offer to send it electronically to anyone who wants to see these details. No member has ever asked for this report.

- o This report is summarized and the summary P&L report is made.
 - A summary Profit & Loss (P&L) sheet. This sheet lists out every account that is used for UMECRA both as income and expenses. There is a line item of the total for each account on this report, but not individual transactions as in the Detail P&L. (i.e.- instead of a line for every membership that was received throughout the year, there is one line with the total amount of money received from memberships).
 - o This report provides a complete account of ALL financial accounts of UMECRA for the entire year. Notes are also put into this report if needed (i.e.- if a large amount of money is received or spent- a note will be put in to explain it).
 - o Copies of this report are placed on every table at the meeting so RM's and members can see the full income and expenses of UMECRA of the previous year.
- These reports show a very thorough and complete financial picture of UMECRA's finances in a format that members can understand; no one needs to be a financial expert to understand them.

Every year at the convention, a financial audit is completed. Non-BOD members have participated in this audit. There has never been a discrepancy found in the financial audit since I have been the Secretary/Treasurer. There is not now, nor has there ever been any intention since I have been the Secretary/Treasurer to hide any financial reports/records or transactions. The annual financial audit was started when I was elected to this position because there had been some problems previously with the financial records that were found when an audit was taken after many years without one. I welcome the annual audit so members can be assured that all transactions are correct and bills are paid with receipts only.

I have been the Secretary/Treasurer for UMECRA since 2006 and at the convention in January 2015, I was re-elected to another term. There are now more reports and more communication regarding the finances of UMECRA than there ever have been. The financial reporting method can certainly be changed if the members feel additional and/or different reports are needed.

Sincerely,
Jill Feller

3. Declining membership. Below are membership rosters from 2010 – 2015. In 2014, we started recording Single and Family memberships so you will only see those figures for the past two years. Please note the membership we have received from clinics for the past two years.

The TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIPS, means the total number of members. If a family has 5 members, that is 5 members. As you can see from the statistics, our membership is NOT decreasing; we are at the highest membership in 5 years. Clinic numbers are noted so members and RM's can see that clinics are generating memberships.

Year	Total memberships @ has number	Family	Single	ND clinic	WI clinic	MN clinic	MI clinic	MDDA clinic	IL clinic
2015	406	54	276	8	15	15	10	10	did not have
2014	390	54	253		12				4
2013	399								
2012	361								
2011	357								
2010	380								

4. The need for promotion of the sport of distance riding in the Midwest.

In recent years several things have been done to help promote distance riding both within UMECRA and within AERC (we indirectly benefit from all their efforts). Efforts listed are those that are known, and are by no means all inclusive of promotional efforts by the membership as each individual person promotes the sport in their own way.

Flyers were created and are available on the UMECRA website for anyone to use at any time and whatever purpose required - <http://www.umecra.com/promotions.html>

These flyers were sent to all saddle clubs and breed organizations in IL with a request to pass the information on to members. Representatives in the other UMECRA states were asked to do the same.

UMECRA ads have been featured in each state's annual Horse Fair program the last two years and UMECRA has had an ad in every publication that is available at the IL Horse Fair the last two years. IL has also given a presentation on two different years and been part of the breed and sport demo that the horse fair offers. In 2015 UMECRA supported booths in IL, MI, MN and WI.

UMECRA members have given local presentations on distance riding to their communities. One was given at a local library and one at the Farm Bureau just as examples of what our members are doing.

UMECRA events are listed as part of the calendar of events with the IL Horsemen's Council

The UMECRA website was recently converted to be mobile friendly ensuring that the site continues to be cataloged in the Google search engine rankings. As of Sept 9, 2015 users of the website are up 25% over the same period last year with more visitors coming from a search engine than those who directly type "umecra.com" into the address bar.

UMECRA has put advertisements in three different regional publications and shared the cost of the ads with AERC. These ads covered all of the UMECRA territory.

UMECRA regions put on endurance clinics each year that usually have fantastic attendance and results in additional members. Free electronic memberships are given to brand new UMECRA members in order to keep reminding and enticing our new friends with what is going on in distance riding in their area.

AERC has been doing many promotional activities in print ads, electronic media and other venues all of which benefit UMECRA. Horses in The Morning has an "Endurance Day" each month with Karen Chaton and the hosts regularly comment that the episode is one of their most downloaded each month. UMECRA members have even been featured on the show.

UMECRA's novice rides are still attended by folks trying out distance riding. Facebook comments from these novice riders give glowing reviews of the great time they've had with their leaders and mentors. A few years ago a "Green Bean Program" was started so that new riders could ask absolutely any questions and get timely, correct responses. The UMECRA Green Bean Facebook page has 437 members. The UMECRA Facebook page has 825 members.

Each year at the UMECRA general meeting there is a request put out for people who are interested in helping with a promotional plan and any help is always accepted to come up with a comprehensive plan to benefit the entire organization.

5A. Concern over secret Internet meetings held by the BOD with no minutes present to reflect the purpose of those meetings or their outcome. Board members have occasionally heard from members about a rumor, innuendo and outright falsehoods of things that have supposedly transpired at meetings the board allegedly had. We attempt to intercept these fallacies, but we don't hear everything. If you have a concern about something that "supposedly happened," please contact your state reps, rider reps, directors at large, veterinary rep and officers with concerns or questions. If they don't know the answer it is their job to find the answer and report back to you.

The Board of Directors has had a yahoo group for 10 years. This internet group allows the board to communicate quickly and responsively to all kinds of situations. AERC, AHA and other organizations have similar groups for their boards. That said, summaries of discussion and votes have rarely been published. If further action from a discussion is taken at meetings in November, January & March; these conclusions are published. The board agrees we can do better and we will begin to publish summaries of Yahoo group discussion in the newsletter.

5B. Additional concern was expressed and discussed regarding the "Code of Conduct" that the BOD members were asked to sign and the non-disclosure clause that was included in that document.

In response to the portion of concern number five regarding the Code of Conduct: The Code of Conduct was first presented to the board at the November 2014 meeting, (our minutes reflect that Elinore was in attendance), and it was formally approved by the board at its January 17, 2015 general meeting. At the 2015 annual meeting the board shared with the members present that it had approved a Code of Conduct for board members at it's earlier general meeting. The complete Code of Conduct was subsequently printed in the March 2015 issue of the UMECRA Newsletter for all members to have the opportunity to read it.

It is our opinion that the Code of Conduct was and is enthusiastically supported by the members of the board as signified by their positive contributions and discussions surrounding it's approval and their eagerness to sign it. In regards to the Code of Conduct containing a "non-disclosure clause", that is simply untrue. This is evident when one reads the Code of Conduct completely as it repeatedly refers to board members acknowledging and agreeing to communicate openly with UMECRA members and fellow board members. Signing the Code of Conduct represents their commitment to carry out their duties and responsibilities in an honest, fair, diligent and ethical manner. This commitment includes the responsibility to maintain member confidentiality. Member confidentiality is important for many reasons both ethically and legally. An underlying element of the board's need for confidentiality is that it helps to build and develop trust. It can allow for the free flow of information between members and the board and it acknowledges that a member's personal life and personal information belong to them. Only pertinent information in regards to the affairs of UMECRA need to be discussed in the interest of making informed and ethical decisions.

-The purpose of the letter is to request that a room be secured for a gathering of Ride Managers for early Friday evening.

Lastly, the board voted to issue this letter at a conference call on 9/10 and to deny the request for a room on the following ground: the above items will be put on the November agenda for discussion. If UMECRA members have comments they may make them ahead of time to our board members AND/OR they may attend the meeting at Winter Greens, WI Dells on Saturday November 7th. Time: TBD. This is the usual and customary practice. These concerns can also go to the Annual Meeting in January and we'll have an hour set aside for the discussion of these topics this year. If there are additional concerns other than these listed, PLEASE let our board members know so that we can get a response to you even before November, or be added to the agenda for November. Some topics take some research, and we want to provide you with the correct insights instead of speculation. Thank you.

Unanimous vote by those callers remaining on the call: Tony Troyer, Jill Feller, Joslyn Seefeldt, Wayne Gastfield, Bill Suskey, Nicole Mauser-Storer, Maxine Bernsdorf, Jon Wagner, Bonnie Mielke. Dianne Schmidt left the conference call after 20 minutes

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**UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDE ASSOCIATION - UMECRA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS CODE OF CONDUCT**

As an elected or appointed representative of the UMECRA Board of Directors I acknowledge and accept the scope and extent of my duties. I have a responsibility to carry out my duties in an ethical and business-like manner. I have an obligation to act within the scope of my authority, as set forth in the Bylaws of UMECRA. I am entrusted with and responsible for overseeing the assets and business affairs of UMECRA, in an honest, fair, diligent and ethical manner. I may only act within the bounds of authority conferred upon me. I have the duty to make informed decisions. I will enact policies in the best interest of UMECRA and its members. The Board of Directors has adopted the following Code of Conduct.

1. I shall focus on work of UMECRA,
2. I shall communicate with members. I shall seek their opinions on all major issues
3. I shall commit myself to stand by this code of conduct, to maintain a constructive and orderly decision making process, maintain confidentiality and to do my work openly.
4. I shall disclose potential conflicts of interest that I may have regarding any matters that may come before UMECRA and abstain from voting on these matters.
5. I shall abide by majority decisions of UMECRA.
6. I shall be knowledgeable about the members' concerns, and also state and national issues
7. I shall be aware of and abide by the procedural process contained in the UMECRA Bylaws.
8. I shall represent the ideas and desires of members honestly and equally and refuse to substitute that responsibility with my own opinions.

9. I shall act honestly, fairly, ethically and with integrity towards other UMECRA Directors and members.
10. I shall treat all UMECRA elected or appointed board members of the UMECRA with respect and courtesy. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the UMECRA Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by the UMECRA Code of Conduct.



White Line Disease in Horses

White line disease (WLD) is a condition of the equine foot that causes the hoof wall's layers to separate. That separation starts at the solar surface of the foot and works its way dorsally (upward) toward the coronary band.^{1,2} Luckily, WLD is manageable with appropriate hoof care.

What/Where is the White Line? If you pick up one of your horse's feet and clean off the solar surface (bottom of the foot), you'll note a yellowish "line" located a few centimeters inside the contours of the hoof wall and running parallel to the wall. In healthy horses, this line (which is also called the zona alba) has a plastic consistency when compared to the hard wall of the hoof. Microscopically, the hoof wall includes three layers, each called a stratum. They include: 1. A thin stratum externum; 2. A thicker stratum medium that forms the bulk of the hoof wall; and 3. A thinner stratum internum. The white line is the junction between the inner hoof wall and the sole, which is made of nonpigmented stratum internum and horn produced by the terminal papillae. If you looked at an X ray of your horse's foot, you would see that the next major structure after the stratum internum (toward the middle) is the coffin bone (third phalanx or P3), which is joined to the stratum internum by millions of lamellae—interconnecting "fingers"—that help suspend the coffin bone within the hoof.

Signs of WLD In the early stages of disease, WLD does not usually cause lameness issues.^{1–6} Instead, WLD is generally perceived as a nonpainful condition; however, some reports of severe lameness (grade IV/V) associated with WLD do exist.³ Overall, the bulk of the literature on WLD suggests that affected horses have no soundness issues until damage is sufficient to allow mechanical loss of the attachment between the middle and inner layers of the hoof wall. At that point, WLD more closely resembles laminitis, because the hoof wall is no longer able to suspend the coffin bone and sinking/rotation of the coffin bone ensues. In the early/mild stages of WLD, the white line takes on a "powdery" or chalky appearance when looking at the sole of the foot. The condition usually starts at the toe. Even an observant horse owner might easily miss the very early stages of WLD, especially when the separation occurs in a small area and lameness is infrequent. As WLD progresses, the powdery white line engulfs the healthy white line, which becomes wider than normal. If examining the horse's foot from the front, you can see a slight dish (concavity) near the coronary band on the unaffected side and a bulge is noted on the affected side. This only occurs in cases with extensive separation of the hoof wall. In addition, the hoof wall might be in poor health, growing at a slower than normal rate, and if one gently strikes the hoof wall with a hammer over the affected area, a hollow sound is noted. Only with extensive separation does lameness occur, and only in extreme cases do horses experience the level of lameness characteristic of laminitic horses.^{1,2} Once separation begins, micro-organisms begin to invade the space, which is why an odor or black liquid is sometimes observed in the space between hoof wall layers. Fungi and fungal spores are commonly found, as well as other opportunistic microbes, such as yeast and bacteria.

Achieving a Diagnosis: Examination and Radiography In addition to a comprehensive physical and lameness examination, X rays help confirm a WLD diagnosis, establish the severity of disease (i.e., how extensive the separation is, if the coffin bone has begun to rotate), and monitor response to treatment. X rays also help distinguish between laminitis and WLD when necessary.^{1,2,4,5} Treatment Unlike laminitis, aggressive systemic therapy and hospitalization is rarely necessary once the affected tissues have been removed. To do this, the farrier and veterinarian remove both the separated hoof wall and underlying diseased tissue. The hoof is then trimmed and balanced to correct any conformation issues and to ensure

the remaining hoof wall can bear the horse's body weight. Choice of shoeing or use of "composites" to serve as a "band aid" while the hoof is growing is made on a case-by-case basis and takes into consideration several factors (such as amount of hoof wall resected and coffin bone involvement). Note that the horse might require extensive aftercare, because the area needs to remain clean and dry. The hoof wall grows from the coronary band down to the ground, which means it can take up to 12 months or more for complete regrowth to occur.

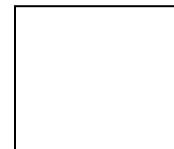
Prognosis/Prevention Unlike laminitis, the outcomes associated with WLD are typically very good. In terms of prevention, regular exercise to promote blood flow, appropriate diet, and routine farriery are recommended for optimal hoof health. Although cleanliness does not technically contribute to WLD because even very well managed stables have horses with WLD, horses should not be housed in soiled environments. Without a clear idea of the cause(s) of WLD, prevention is challenging.

Causes of WLD One of the biggest unanswered questions regarding this condition is, "What causes WLD?" According to experts, there isn't a single "cause," but rather a myriad of potential contributors, including the following: 1–6 Environment: Horses residing in wet, humid areas are thought to be at risk for WLD; however, even horses residing in hot, dry conditions can develop WLD. That said, excessive moisture is thought to soften the foot, making the foot more amenable for dirt and debris to enter any existing separation. Excessive bathing during warmer months is believed to contribute, but excessively dry hooves could be prone to cracks and separation of the hoof wall. Mechanical stresses. Stresses caused by physical factors such as excessive toe length, poor hoof conformation, under-run heels, club foot, etc. During ambulation, stresses put on the separating hoof can cause additional damage, promoting further separation and potentially rotation/sinking of the coffin bone. Vascular changes. Chronic laminitis promoting changes to the blood flow to the laminae in the foot, potentially contributing to WLD. Endocrine factors: Horses with insulin resistance/equine metabolic syndromes are thought to be more likely to develop WLD. Diet. Selenium toxicity is believed to play a role in development of WLD, a diet contributing to insulin resistance/equine metabolic syndrome in at-risk horses should be avoided. Abscess. Extensive abscesses of the foot might also contribute to hoof wall separation.

Summary Any foot of any breed of horse at any age can develop WLD. Hygiene is not thought to play a role, but many factors, such as diet, environment, stresses, concurrent disease processes, history of laminitis, must be considered in an attempt to avoid either onset or recurrence of WLD.

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