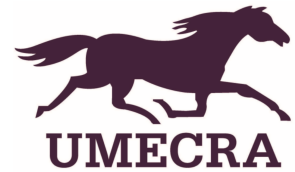


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UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



LETTER FROM THE PREZ...

Hey folks! I hope this finds everyone well. It's been a challenging spring in multiple ways – spring weather didn't exactly cooperate in some areas to get training miles in, and the cost of gas and diesel makes it hard on the pocketbook. Let's hope we see improvements in both weather and costs going forward into the season!

This is a good time to talk about the history of UMECRA and its purpose as originally envisioned. It is important to understand where we came from as we continue to move forward.

UMECRA was founded on positive ideals. Incorporated 40 years ago (December of 1985), we've weathered multiple years where things got tough for our members.

From the "Wayback" Machine" – here are the first 5 items in the original articles of incorporation:

"The purpose of this corporation shall be as follows:

1. To promote and develop good horsepersonship together with knowledge and interest in the care, training, use and breeding of good horses.
2. To cultivate fellowship among its members and foster the welfare and enhance the health and happiness of its members and persons interested by promoting and encouraging the use of and interest in horses.
3. To interest and educate the public in: the recreational potential and benefits of the use and ownership of horses, participation in endurance and competitive trail riding, and participation in all equestrian games, sports and activities.
4. To promote and cultivate the formation of, association with, and development of friendly relationships with similar associations throughout this state and elsewhere.
5. To coordinate the activities of all upper midwest endurance/competitive trail rides, provide a master organization to maintain records pertaining to upper

midwest endurance/competitive trail rides, and establish uniform requirements, guidelines and rules for upper midwest endurance/competitive trail rides."

This context gives me more to think about when promoting the sport and our rides. I hope it does for you, too.

Our riding community is strong and resilient, we will find ways to enjoy ourselves with our horses and friends.

Peggy Pasillas, UMECRA President

Are you a new UMECRA member?

1. Make sure you use your UMECRA ID number when registering for rides to ensure your mileage is accrued correctly.
2. If you are a Novice or Competitive Trail rider and your horse does not have an AERC number, request a UMECRA horse ID number. Reach out to Mandie Roggenkamp, 218.820.5209 or umecrapointskeeper@gmail.com.

Ride updates - check FB before traveling

Stay current on ride news and logistics by checking the Facebook (FB) ride page and/or the sanctioning club FB groups before heading out to each ride.

 **Check out the UMECRA ride schedule** at umecra.com/schedule.

Date	Ride Name	Location
6/27-28	Dakota Dash	Ft Ransom, ND
7/3-4	Firecracker Fling/AHA R10 Championship	Avoca, WI
7/11-12	Hopkins Creek	Manton, MI
7/11-12	Mosquito Run	Rogers, MN
7/24-26	Bonecrusher	Palmyra, WI
7/25-26	Au Sable Pines	Hale, MI
8/1-2	AHDRA Heatwave Hustle	Fayette, IA
8/7-9	Louise Riedel Memorial	Arkdale, WI
8/14-15	Detroit Horsepower Benefit	Milford, MI
8/15-16	Bearfoot Boogie	Hinckley, MN
8/22-23	DRAWs Prairie River Ride	Gleason, WI
9/5-7	White River Pioneer	Hesperia, MI
9/12-13	Charity Cup	Pillager, MN
9/12-13	Pampered Ponies Ride	Augusta, IL
9/18-19	DRAW's Colorama Classic	New Prospect, WI
9/26-27	Waterloo Rock 'N Roll	Grasslake, MI
10/2-4	Huntersville Hundred	Menasha, MN
10/10-11	Iron Oak	Arkdale, WI
10/10-11	Oak Leaf Run	Hamilton, MI
10/16-17	Point Chaser	Theilman, MN
10/24-25	AHDRA Big River	Keithsburg, IL
11/7-8	Field of Dreams Dash	Lehigh, IA

Maria	Enge	Faustos Flame	1
Krystyna	Eischens	PSTORM MAKATO	2
Neisha	Emerson	WMA Super Sport	3
Grace	Carter	Bataania KSR	4
Amy	Ellingson	LS Adora	5
Colleen	Morgan	Batman SH	P

5/2 MNDRA I LD HW 25

Melissa	Ashbaugh	Victorious Luck	1
Kelly	Filer	Ima Dustdiamond	2
Brett	Neset	Whiz	3

5/2 MNDRA I LD LW 25

Theresa	Meyer	Sirius Encore	1
Jessi	Lipponen	Mystic Dynasty PF	2 BC
Nola	Westphal	Greta	3
Lisa	Aga	Noble Emotions CRF	4
Jacki	Devine	Dreaming In The Dark	5
Karla	Ovsak	Ace	6
Ann	Ackland	SH After Midnite	C
Megan	Kramer	Prairie Hill Casanova	C
Jesse	Shaddrick	Pertorio CRF	C
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	C
Sarah	Maass	Gideon	C
Lauren	Holmberg	HJ Nikeshah	C

5/2 MNDRA I LD JR 25

Grace	Rathmann	Bippity Boppoty Boo	1
Elin	Lupo	Valleros Redhot Flash	2
Zoe	Hutchins	Shortcake	3
Elizabeth	Gasner	Petal Power	P

5/2 MNDRA I HW Comp 25

Sarah	Chambers	FT Pippa	1
Valerie	Temp	Amiyah B	2
Rachel	Temp	Sensational Jacinto	3

5/2 MNDRA I LW Comp 25

Jane	Malischke	Bourbon	1 HP
Victoria	Robison	La Grange RTA	2
Shelly	Carroll	VO Shakil	3

5/2 MNDRA I Novice 12

Breala	Neuenschwander	Nakoma	1
Paul	Motter	Prairie Hill Ringo	2
Jessi	Lipponen	Strawberree Wyne GA	MO
Emily	Kibler	Mr Mojo General	MO
Paula	Goligowski	Good Thunder	MO

5/2 MNDRA I Drive 12

Tamm	Poffenberger	River	1
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5/3 MNDRA I LD HW 25

Crystal	Esqueda	Lopin in Diamonds	1
Susan	Motter	Prairie Hill Ariana	2
Brett	Neset	Whiz	3

5/3 MNDRA I LD LW 25

Jessi	Lipponen	SDR Maltez Falcon	1 BC
Grace	Carter	Burning Up Diesel	2
Sandra	Fett	Bella	3



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RIDE RESULTS

5/2 MNDRA I End HW 50

Dana	Gasner	Whispering Echo	1	
Sheryl	O'Brien	LC Ernani	2	BC
Jim	Carter	Mister Jack Daniels	3	
Jennifer	Fischer	SS Gianni	4	
Crystal	Esqueda	Berry Truly My Deco	5	
Alan	Riggs	Larned	P	

5/2 MNDRA I End LW 50

Jason	Nicol	Nasmat Basim	4	
Teresa	Fett	Ice Falcon LRA	5	
5/3 MNDRA I Comp HW 25				
Jen	Lisowe	Whiskey	1	HP
Rita	Gasser	Willow	2	
Sarah	Chambers	FT Pippa	3	
Karrie	Halbur	Ali	2	
5/3 MNDRA I Comp LW 25				
Jane	Malischke	Bourbon	1	
Shelly	Carroll	VO Shakil	P	
5/3 MNDRA I Comp Jr 25				
Raina	Gasser	Phoenix	1	
Anna	DeSouza	VO Shadiyah	P	
5/3 MNDRA I Novice 12				
Maggie	Swanger	Gino	1	
Wendy	Figueroa	Rain	2	
Paul	Motter	Prairie Hill Ringo	3	
Breala	Neuenschwander	Nakoma	4	
Cameryn	Allen	Griffin	5	
Brianna	Zachman	Sunset's Madeira	6	
Stephanie	Schiro	Duncan	C	
Paula	Goligowski	Good Thunder	MO	
5/3 MNDRA I Drive 12				
Tammette	Poffenberger	River	1	
Jill	Farrell	Diesel	2	
Justin	Schiro	Dayareaming	P	

5/2 White River End HW 50				
Stephanie	Boomgaard	Arceus SS	1	
5/2 White River End LW 50				
Diane	Meinders	Lumiere WW	1	BC
Helen	Lynn	QMR Kammy Zell	2	
Amy	Yatsko	Not Dew Yet	3	
Damaris M.	Smith	Firelily Moon River	4	
5/2 White River LD HW 25				
Kathleen	Neuhoff	Mystique Rose	1	BC
Shane	Darga	Third Star	2	
Pam	Darga	Lucy	3	
Diane	Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	4	
Chelsea	Talaki	Al-Marah Fox Romeo	5	
Soraya	Saatchi	DD Whooz Nadirah	6	
5/2 White River LD JR 25				
Yoss	Afshari	Auburn	1	
5/2 White River LD LW 25				
Rebecca	Mcarty	Wineglass Durbach	1	
Melissa	Smith	Kulta	2	
Barb	Kurti	Ayman Al Shaqub	3	

Cecelia	Damler	Percy	4	
Lisa	Germann	Ainia DCR	5	
Cheryl	Fenton	Gemma	6	
Leah	Palestrant	PA Bracos Relentless	C	
Aurora	Walsh	Win D Prada	P	
5/2 White River Comp LW 25				
Dawn	Bouwkamp	Little Annie	1	
Jessica	Banner	Whiskey Ginger	2	
Sara	Hall	WP Yippe Ki Yay	3	
Jan	Wylie	Dose	4	
5/2 White River Comp JR 25				
Abigail	Moorhouse	LSA Dark Son Rising	1	
5/2 White River Novice 15				
Heather	Neal	Oscar On Duty	1	
Anna	Nelson	Kain	2	
Poorna	Bhagat	Jewel	3	
Denise	Rooker	Missy	4	
5/3 White River End LW 50				
Diane	Meinders	Yo Dusty	1	BC
Helen	Lynn	Tugs Spring Fling	P	
5/3 White River LD HW 25				
Kathleen	Neuhoff	Mystique Rose	1	BC
Francis	Lewis	SH Youkon Ggold	2	
5/3 White River LD LW 25				
Makayla	Earey	Fyre	1	
Lisa	Germann	Ainia DCR	2	
5/3 White River LD JR 25				
Grace	Lewis		1	
Felicity	Lewis	Theophilus Hazelson	2	
Leah	Palestrant	PA Bravos Relentless	3	
5/3 White River Comp HW 25				
Sandra	Wright	LW Raajas Chip	P	
5/3 White River Novice 10				
Piper	Nelson	Kain	1	
Denise	Rooker	Missy	2	
Heather	Neal	Oscar On Duty	3	

5/8 Glacier Trails End HW 50				
Stella	Jacoby	Zippy For Kokopuffs	1	
5/8 Glacier Trails End LW 50				
Jessi	Lipponen	Mystic Dynasty PF	1	
Lucy	Stafford	H WineGlass Sangria	1	
Ainsley	Suskey	Finnley	P	
Bettina	Koehn	Bombardier NPG	P	
5/8 Glacier Trails LD HW 25				

Alexandra	Stone	Orion's Belt	1
Sarah	Watts	Mikey Likes It	2
Deb	Searle	Donut	3
Sherry	Aune	Jobair Al Shaqab	4
Guy	Worthington	JG Randie	P
5/8 Glacier Trails LD JR 25			
Tabitha	Kostreva	The Wolk King	1
5/8 Glacier Trails Comp HW 25			
Jim	Andriakos	Afsaar	1
5/8 Glacier Trails Comp LW 25			
Dawn	Bouwkamp	Little Annie	1
Jennifer	Wise	Maverick	2
Jessica	Sonnek	Misty	3
Adeline	Robinson	HS Carissa	4
5/9 Glacier Trails LD HW 25			
Pam	Darga	Lucy	1
Scott	Aartsen	Chrisma	2
Shane	Darga	Third Star	3
Skylar	Wise	Guilty as Psyn	4
Stephanie	Crispin	Sinnamon Raysin Bread	5
Mary	Otto	Winston	6
Sherry	Aune	Jobair Al Shaqab	C
Deb	Searle	Sultann Sundance	C
Peter	Dordal	Frithrfax	P
Lara	Rohrback	Dauntless	P
Veronica	Miller	Misguided Adventure	P
Emily	Schupp	Brios Talk About Love	P
5/9 Glacier Trails LD LW 25			
Stephanie	Vavra	AOF Moniet Al Raja	1
Debby	Weisbecker	Lady Jane	2
Kristen	Wacker	Manhattan Lace SBA	3
Eileen	Kirsch	Elwha	4
Grace	Carter	Burning Up Diesel	5
5/9 Glacier Trails LD JR 25			
Ellie	Otto	Camelots Spot Check	1
Ashlyn	Aune	Iron Man	P
5/9 Glacier Trails Comp HW 25			
Sarah	Mowrer	A Time To Shine	1
Rick	Gebka	Shilo	2
5/9 Glacier Trails Comp LW 25			
Dawn	Bouwkamp	Little Annie	1
5/9 Glacier Trails Novice 12			
Emily	White	Maario	1
Sam	Dreyer	Ace	2
Madison	Stone	Dirty Bird	3
Megan	Green	Humble Henry	3

Samantha	Miller	Nobelle Afire	5
Luno	Splain	Prince	6
Daniclle	Splaine	Sassy	C
Page	Doeede	Zoltan	C
Sofia	Cisneros	Starr Quest	C
Tricia	Brinkman	Rainbow Curious Shop	C
Amy	Betzelberger	Cisco Quarter Pony	C
Vera	Betzelberger		C
5/9 Glacier Trails Drive 12			
Amelia	Fairchild	Sophia	1
Alice	Hubert	Gridlock	2
5/10 Glacier Trails LD HW 25			
Stephanie	Crispin	AllAboutMajestic	1
Mary	Otto	Winston	P
5/10 Glacier Trails LD LW 25			
Carrie	Taft	Dimitri	1
Pam	Cotton	SRB Reno Lytes	2
Ainsley	Suskey	RFR The Icebaby	P
5/10 Glacier Trails LD JR 25			
Charlotte	Peyton	Wyatt's Dire Straits	1
5/10 Glacier Trails Comp LW 25			
Samantha	Miller	Nobelle a fire	1
Jennifer	Wise	Maverick	2
5/10 Glacier Trails Drive 12			
Tammette	Poffenberger	River	1
Alice	Hubert	Gridlock	2

5/16 Trade River Run End HW 50			
Sheryl	O'Brien	LC Ernani	1
Dana	Gasner	Thokkadis from Winterhorse	2 BC
Crystal	Esqueda	Berry Truly My Deco	3
Jim	Carter	Mister Jack Daniels	4
5/16 Trade River Run End LW 50			
Grace	Carter	Bataania KSR	1
5/16 Trade River Run LD HW 25			
Mandie	Roggenkamp	The Outlander	1 BC
Andria	Pooley	Penny	2
5/16 Trade River Run LD LW 25			
Lisa	Aga	Noble Emotions CRF	1
Jacki	Devine	Dreaming In The Dark	2
Jessi	Lipponen	SDR Maltez Falcon	3
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	4
Jamie	Beaubier	Pacific Holiday	5
Sandra	Fett	Bella	6
Paula	Goligowski	Ms Lightening	C

Peggy	Pasillas	Remy	C
Lauren	Holmberg	AM Darling Ophelia UA	C
Sarah	Maass	Gideon	C
Alana	McNutt	Dascha	C
5/16 Trade River Run LD JR 25			
Zander	Beaubier	Triggerlip	1
Zoe	Hutchins	Shortcake	P
5/16 Trade River Run Comp HW 25			
Mike	Whiteford	Maggie	1
Rachel	Temp	Sensational Jacinto	2
5/16 Trade River Run Comp LW 25			
Victoria	Robison	La Grange RTA	1
Toni	VonRuden	Atlas	2
Emily	Kibler	REVA	3
Karrie	Halbur	BF REDD	4
5/17 Trade River Run LD HW 25			
Melissa	Ashbaugh	Victorious Luck	1
Becca	Johnson	Mina Sauk Sterling	2
Crystal	Esqueda	Lopin in Diamonds	3 BC
Brianna	Zachman	Sunset's Madeira	4
5/17 Trade River Run LD LW 25			
Teresa	Fett	Ice Falcon LRA	1
Jessi	Lipponen	Strawberree Wyne GA	2
5/17 Trade River Run Novice 10			
Ava	Forcier	Marley	1
Breala	Neunschwander	Nakoma	2
Angie	Wilson	Simcha	2
Maggie	Swanger	Gino	4
Cameryn	Allen	Griffin	5
Lisa	Straus	Lady	6
Alyssa	Bates	Reba	C
Madelyn	Chandler	Vinnie	C
Shelby	Nelson	Maz	C
Wendy	Figueroa	Rain	C
Kasie	Thomas	Apollo	C
Amanda	Dronen	Sully	C
Nicole	Klein	Alora	C
Rachel	Manthei	Hayes	C
Jaclyn	Thorston	Kit	C
Ruby	Rostberg	Boone	C
Audrey	Thorp	Nightmare Blues	MO
Paula	Goligowski	Ms Lightening	MO
Taryn	Lindbeck	Raj	MO

5/23 Grand Island End HW 50			
Katelyn	Fleming	MSU All Shook Up	1
Jim	Carter	Mister Jack Daniels	2
Bettina	Koehn	Bombardier NPG	3
Robin	Schadt	RAL Sorceress (Chloe)	4
Stephanie	Crispin	Sinnamon Raysin Bread	5
Sarah	Watts	Ishtar RTA	6
5/23 Grand Island End LW 50			
Damaris	Smith	Joker's Wild Streak	1 BC
Diane	Meinders	Yo Dusty	2
Jessie	Finnila	Renegade Raja	3
Grace	Carter	Bataania KSR	4
Linda	Hamrick	Cash	5
Adrienne	Dymesich	Shady	P
5/23 Grand Island End JR 50			
Eva	Dymesich	Fiammetta	1
5/23 Grand Island LD HW 25			
Pam	Darga	Lucy	1
Shane	Darga	Third Star	2
Sarah	Fleming	DD Hucks Legacy	3
Deb	Searle	Sultann Sundance	4
5/23 Grand Island Comp HW 25			
Soraya	Saatchi	DD Whooz Nadirah	1 HP
5/23 Grand Island LD LW 25			
Faye	Johnson	Cohiba	1 BC
Elliot	Dymesich	Happy	2
Nicole	Maki	KTM Eclipse The Win	3
Barb	Kurti	Ayman Al Shaqab	4
Aurora	Walsh	Win D Prada	5
Sara	Hall	WP Yippe Ki Yay	6
Alexander	Gregson	Hudson Bay Drifter	C
Lauren	Werner	MMF Spill the Tea	C
5/23 Grand Island LD JR 25			
Emily	Dymesich	FedEx	1
Abigail	Forsythe	MMF Hot Coco	2
5/24 Grand Island LD HW 25			
Carole	Rose	Cloud	4
Soraya	Saatchi	DD Whooz Nadirah	5
5/24 Grand Island LD LW 25			
Jessie	Finnila	FT Firestorm	1
Grace	Carter	Burning Up Diesel	2
Carolyn	Dekker	Msu Solanna	3 BC
Lauren	Werner	Hudson Bay Drifter	4
Marlene	Nauta	Edgefield Triton	5

Aurora	Walsh	Win D Prada	6	
Emily	Charbonneau	Tigger	C	
Katie	Aaberg	Zorro	C	
Ryan	Furner	Clyde	C	
Karen	Jarvi	Sunshine	C	
5/24 Grand Island LD JR 25				
Paige	Furner	Surprise	1	
Anya	Braun	Hippie	2	
Ilona	Jarvi	Mandalorian Pride	3	
5/24 Grand Island Comp LW 25				
Damaris	Smith	Firelily Moon River	1	HP

5/30 Maplewood W End HW 50				
Sheryl	O'Brien	LC Ernani	1	
Dana	Gasner	Whispering Echo	2	
Jennifer	Fischer	SS Gianni	3	BC
Alan	Riggs	Larned	4	
Mandie	Roggenkamp	The Outlander	5	
Crystal	Esqueda	Berry Truly My Deco	6	
5/30 Maplewood W End LW 50				
Neisha	Emerson	WMA Super Sport	1	
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	2	
Amy	Ellingson	LS Adora	3	
5/30 Maplewood W LD HW 25				
Caitlin	Sparer	River	1	
Melissa	Ashbaugh	Victorious Luck	2	
Karin	Lupo	Najima Al Janoubi	3	
Charlotte	Tuhy	Raffimas Image	P	
5/30 Maplewood W LD LW 25				
Lisa	Aga	Noble Emotions CRF	1	
Anne	Ackland	SH After Midnite	2	
Jacki	Devine	Dreaming In The Dark	3	
Jamie	Beaubier	Quetzaly	4	
Jessi	Lipponen	SDR Maltez Falcon	5	
Jennifer	Boettcher	Cooper	6	
Lauren	Holmberg	AM Darling Ophelia UA	C	
Sarah	Maass	Gideon	C	
Megan	Thomas	EVG Pia	C	
Paula	Goligowski	Good Thunder	P	
Megan	Kramer	Prairie Hill Casanova	P	
Peggy	Pasillas	Remy	P	
5/30 Maplewood W LD JR 25				
Grace	Rathmann	Bippity Boppoty Boo	1	BC
Zander	Beaubier	Triggerlip	2	
Zoe	Hutchins	Shortcake	3	

Elin	Lupo	Valleros Redhot Flash	4	
5/30 Maplewood W HW Comp 25				
Valerie	Temp	Amiyah B	MO	
Audrey	Thorp	Nightmare Blues	P	
Rachel	Temp	Sensational Jacinto	P	
5/30 Maplewood W LW Comp 25				
Jane	Malischke	Bourbon	1	
Victoria	Robison	La Grange RTA	2	
Shelly	Carroll	VO Shakil	3	
Jessica	Sonnek	Jazmine	MO	
Karrie	Halbur	BF REDD	MO	
5/31 Maplewood W LD HW 25				
Joel	Hildebrandt	Hershey	1	BC
Melissa	Ashbaugh	Victorious Luck	2	
Becca	Johnson	Mina Sauk Sterling	3	
Charlotte	Tuhy	Abdul Kareen	4	
5/31 Maplewood W LD LW 25				
Lisa	Aga	Noble Emotions CRF	1	
Jason	Nicol	SBF Capaccino	2	
Jessi	Lipponen	Strawberree Wyne GA	3	
Anne	Ackland	Duncan	4	
Colleen	Hueners	Thee Magicman HT	5	
Teresa	Fett	Ice Falcon LRA	MO	
5/31 Maplewood W LD JR 25				
Grace	Rathmann	Bippity Boppoty Boo	1	
Kyla	Bixby	Chloe	2	
5/31 Maplewood W Comp LW 25				
Shelly	Carroll	VO Shadiyah	P	
5/31 Maplewood W Comp Jr 25				
Elin	Lupo	Valleros Redhot Flash	1	HP

Reflections of a Rookie Ride Manager, by Andrea Pfeifer

I started this sport in 2009 and was completely blown away. First- simply because it existed, next- because it seemed so darn complex I couldn't imagine why anyone would volunteer to go through the trouble of hosting a ride. I assumed ride managers were wizards. They had spreadsheets and lists, cards with all sorts of numbers. They made water appear in tubs out in the middle of nowhere, and decorated the forest with miles of pie plates and ribbons. They fed the masses without knowing how many would show up, always woke before dawn, and seemed to know everyone by

name. Wizardry!

Well, 15 years later DRAW (Distance Riding Association of Wisconsin), needed someone to manage the Prairie River Ride. My buddy Jen and I looked at each other and said, "Let's do it!" Suddenly it didn't seem so complicated. Vets, water, trail routes, awards, food... we could do it. It wasn't rocket science. So, we took the plunge... and it wasn't *that* bad. This year we answered the call for Kettles N Bits... and it was much better. Here is a bit of what I've learned.

1) Try everything- if you haven't ridden in the competitive, limited distance, and endurance categories give them all a go. Although I'm a comp-queen, I have two LDs and two 50s under my belt, so I understand the concepts and mindsets that go along with each. If you have the opportunity to assist the vets with P&R and scribing, do it! If someone asks you to be a timer, say yes! Being a part of each aspect of a ride really brings the big picture into focus.

2) Know your role- my forte is in the nuts and bolts of trail and water. Jen's specialty is paperwork and hostess-ing with the most-est. We had a huge computer glitch at the last ride and I didn't even try to help Jen with it, so it didn't stress me out one bit. She got it fixed and everything was fine. At our first ride, we both tried to mark trail but missed one major turn between our sections... which was a HUGE problem. Having a clear delineation of duties is key.

3) Delegate wisely- you really need a designated water-filler, but don't expect him to also man the ambulance. Having a designated timer is a must, but don't expect him to also man the ambulance. Having one, solid, knowledgeable person to assist the vets is great (especially if her name is Roberta), but don't expect her to man the ambulance. Get where I'm going with this one?

4) Double check- and bring a chainsaw. We had some rain after our first day marking trail. When we went out the second day, we found we had to re-mark everything. The pie plates were tacos! It's a good thing we discovered the tacos, because we also found six downed trees that required chain-sawing.

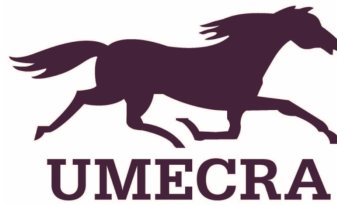
4) Be happy- no matter what. There is nothing that could (reasonably) happen at a ride that is worth

jeopardizing friendships over. Now, if you discover your secretary is putting arsenic in the potato salad, okay- clobber her. Other than something like that, there is no need for yelling or being snarky even if you think it may make you feel better in the moment. The best way to feel good, even when things go south, is to assume everything will be fine and work your way through it. At the end of the day, we do this for fun, right?

There is no magic involved in ride management. It's challenging, but rewarding- you'll mess some things up, but people will forgive you and you'll do better next time. Lean on your friends because teamwork makes your dream work! Ask nicely, say thank you, take photos, hug your buddies. There would be no rides without ride managers, don't be afraid to become one.

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☐ Family — \$45 ☐ Single — \$35 ☐ Minor* — \$10 *Under 18 as of Dec 1 (the beginning of ride season)	☐ Electronic Newsletter — \$0 ☐ Mailed Newsletter — \$10 ☐ Electronic Ride Book — \$0 ☐ Mailed Ride Book — \$10

*Family memberships shall consist of one or more related, or coupled as significant others, 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 names of all eligible family members below.

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY

AERC Member Number(s) (if applicable): _____

UMECRA Membership Number(s): _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): _____

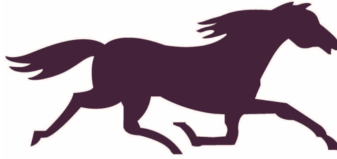
Email: _____

Do you have a new horse? To obtain a UMECRA number for your horse, or report a new AERC number, please inform both the Pointskeeper roggenkamp.mandie@gmail.com and the Webmaster umecrawebdev@umecra.com.

☐ **Check this box if you do NOT want your name and contact info in the membership book**

Pay online at payumecra.com/membership OR mail completed form with check made to **UMECRA** to:

Jess Sonnek – Bookkeeper
1991 County 9
Houston, MN 55943



UMECRA TRAIL GRANT REQUEST

Trail grants are provided to public trails only and are for an organization, not individuals. Requests will be reviewed and voted on at each board meeting three times a year.

Send completed form to: Victoria Robison, 3302 Geselle Ln NW, Rochester, MN 55901.
victoriaridesviggo@gmail.com with questions.

Date: _____

UMECRA Member making request: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Amount of request (\$500 maximum): _____

Date money is needed: _____

Name required on check if grant is approved: _____

**An organization name, not an individual's name.*

Address to send check: _____

Please explain the reason for the request. Include:

- What the money will be used for (be specific). Use the back of the form or another page if needed.
- How will UMECRA benefit from granting this request?
- How will UMECRA be recognized for this request?

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