



# Great Lakes Distance Riding Association

## Hoof Beats Newsletter

April 2015

### Letter from the President

What a fun time everyone seemed to have at the combined 2015 AHDRA/UMECRA/GLDRA convention in January. It was the first time the UMECRA convention has ever been held in the great state of Michigan. GLDRA members did an awesome job in making this a successful event. The next combined convention will be coming back to Michigan in 2019.

Congratulations to the award winners!! "Thank you" for your steady participation in this sport. At the GLDRA banquet Sunday morning, some of you received an award for the first time and others reached their yearlong goal. It brought many smiles and laughter as we came together to celebrate the accomplishments we had with our equine friends. The joy of receiving an award is such a rewarding experience☺

By now you're getting excited about planning for the 2015 ride season. If you're new to the sport, our mentor list has grown to cover almost every part of the state. Our website and Facebook page has grown into an informational tool to help you search and learn about distance riding in Michigan.

Please welcome AERC member Rusty Toth to Michigan. His knowledge and experience is going to be a "huge" asset for distance riding in Michigan.

Again, congratulations on last year's accomplishments and look forward to seeing you on the trail!

Barb Kurti, President



### SHORE TO SHORE RIDE AND TIN CUP SPRINGS RIDE

The status of these rides for the 2015 season is uncertain at this time, Please watch the GLDRA website and Facebook page for the latest updates as information becomes available

# Michigan Horse Council News

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Hello, GLDRA members and wanna be members!

Well, things seem to be settling down somewhat with the meetings. Less drama, more accomplished. About time! Anyway, not too much to report with Trails Committee. There was money given to Allegan County Pleasure Riders for a Pavilion to be built at Silver Creek Campground with plaques designating all the donors. I think this is where Oak Leaf is held, if so, a nice thing for us!

Expo news: they expect more horses, booths are sold out. Trail groups, including us, will be out on the floor in a high visibility area with more room. This will be at the east end where the horse stalls are.

One of the clinicians, Levi Beechy, is looking for horses to work on. Spooky, antsy after saddling, impossible to load. In other words, horses that are not issue free! Contact the Expo committee via the MHC website if you have a horse you would like to bring. Although how you get a difficult to load horse there is beyond me!! HA!

Congratulations to Rachael Meinders on being one of three recipients of an MHC \$1000 scholarship! That will help next fall for college, best wishes for you, Rachael!

Apparently there was some incident at the Expo last year and the MHC has been issued lawsuit paperwork. This has all been forwarded to the insurance company, and the President, Jan Wolfin, will keep MHC board updated and let us know what happened as soon as she has been given the ok from the lawyers and insurance company.

From a different source, Bruce Birr forwarded me information from the ELCR, the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource group. They had an interesting article about the top 10 winter horse mistakes, so I thought I would share those here. I'm sure we have all made at least one of these mistakes over the years-I know I have once I read through them!

1. Letting your horse water freeze over. I know mine won't drink well when the water is too cold!
2. Not increasing feed rations when the temperatures dip. Increasing forage(hay) helps keep horses warmer by providing calories and the act of digestion helps raise body temperature.
3. No exercise. I'm sure most of us know the importance of turnout daily for horses, but I also know some horses are stalled much of winter. So, ride occasionally, or turn them out. Personally, I would rather turn them out than ride in this awful cold!
4. Overriding an out of shape horse. This can really increase the chance of musculoskeletal injury to the horse.
5. Sequestering a horse indoors. Our horses stay healthier and fitter if left outdoors as long as they have adequate shelter from the elements.
6. Overblanketing. If your horse has a body clip of any type, then yes. But if not, no blankets necessary if he has good shelter, adequate feed, and is healthy. Blanketing can lead to overheating and dehydration which can cause a host of health problems.
7. Lack of hoof care. At least every six to eight weeks, ridden or not!
8. No beauty treatment. Regular grooming helps you to evaluate your horse's health and pick up on something that could become a real problem if left undetected.
9. Throwing him out to pasture and forgetting him. Horses are daily work, we all know that! And we love it or we wouldn't do it, right?
10. Neglecting your own health. Remember, if you aren't healthy and injury free, you won't be able to give your horses the care and attention you want to. And we all tend to put their well being first...just make sure you are ok to do that!

Spring is coming, I just know it as I look out the window at the snowstorm starting! Happy riding, and safe riding to you all!

Andy Redman



## MICHIGAN STATE HORSE EXPO

The EXPO was a good promotion experience. Our up and coming clinic as lots of interest and folks signed up for it.

Thank you FACEBOOK for the promotion, and Rusty for your reputation to encourage interest in it!

There was much conversation about it at the EXPO.

EXPO itself had a few issues, and a few lines to pay to enter, and organizational issues they need to contend with next year. They took the trail people out of the small room which was good, the only bad part was they put us along the back wall behind the horses. So we had good interest, and much more

room, but not sure as much traffic at new location.

The traffic that was there appeared to be more interested in our sport.

We had a drawing for a free clinic entry. There were 30 slips of paper entered for this free entry. Not bad!

We had several new memberships and renewals.

It was a good and busy weekend! Thanks to all that volunteered their time!

Diane

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Next is our Summer Newsletter look for it by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

In the Summer Issue, the highlights will be updated

Point Standings (have you planned your ride season yet?)

And we are always looking for articles and news of interest,

please have your information submitted no later than

Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> to Cathy Cook,

[ccook@cftami.com](mailto:ccook@cftami.com)

or 1249 Maple Grove, Carsonville, MI 48419

Due to technical difficulties, the Board and General Meeting minutes are unable to be printed here and will be published in the Summer Newsletter.

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association  
2015 Membership Application

Membership includes quarterly newsletters, eligibility for year-end points and awards programs, horse & personal mileage tracking, and yearly GLDRA ride schedule book.

Individual \$20 \_\_\_\_ Family\* \$30 \_\_\_\_\_ Junior (not 18 as of Jan. 1) \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Individual \$200 \_\_\_\_  
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- City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
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Please mail completed application with payment (payable to GLDRA) to:

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Application for Personal and Horse Distance Awards Program (a **one-time** fee for each)

(Send to: Kathy Macki, P.O. Box 48, Rapid River, MI 49878)

Name of **Person** nominated for Personal Mileage Program: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ FEE: \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of **Horse** nominated for Horse Mileage Program:

Name of Horse Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ FEE \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed of Horse: \_\_\_\_\_ Horse Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed registration #: \_\_\_\_\_ AERC # \_\_\_\_\_

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## Great Lakes Distance Riding Association – 2015 Ride Schedule – [www.gldrami.org](http://www.gldrami.org)

April 18, 19	<b>Brighton Ride</b> Sat C-25, 35, Novice 15 Sun C-25, Novice 15	Lisa Germann 6529 Milan – Oakville Rd Milan, MI 48160 <a href="mailto:lgermann08@comcast.net">lgermann08@comcast.net</a>	(734) 439-5616 Amy Scharmen (248) 770-2816
May 2, 3	<b>White River Spring</b> Sat E 50, LD 30, C - 35, 25 Sun E 50, LD 30, C - 25	Pete Wierengo 4345 Warner Ave Hesperia, MI 49421 <a href="mailto:tecllc04@aol.com">tecllc04@aol.com</a>	(231) 854-0092
May 23, 24	<b>Grand Island</b> Sat E 50, LD 25, C-50, 25 Sun LD 25, C- 25	Kathy Macki P.O. Box 48 Rapid River, MI 49878 <a href="mailto:kemacki@hughes.net">kemacki@hughes.net</a>	(906) 474-6416
June 13, 14	<b>White River Summer</b> Sat E 50, LD 30, C - 35, 25 Sun E 50, LD 30, C - 25	Pete Wierengo 4345 Warner Ave Hesperia, MI 49421 <a href="mailto:tecllc04@aol.com">tecllc04@aol.com</a>	(231) 854-0092
June 27, 28	<b>Hopkins Creek</b> - Manton Sat E 50, LD 25, C- 40, 25 Sat 10-Fun Ride LD 25, C- 25	Jeanne Aslakson Shelley Dake - Secretary 11400 "I" Drive South Burlington, MI 49029 <a href="mailto:dedake@dishmail.net">dedake@dishmail.net</a>	(231) 775-6499 (269) 979-9472
July 11, 12	<b>AHAM</b> – Augusta Cheff Therapeutic Riding Center Sat E 50, LD 25, C- 25, 50 Sat Novice Fun 15, 2 day 70 Comp Sun LD 25, C- 25, 15-Fun Ride	Gene & Shelley Dake 11400 `i` Drive South Burlington, MI 49029 <a href="mailto:dedake@dishmail.net">dedake@dishmail.net</a>	(269) 979-9472 (269) 979- 1025
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Aug. 3 - 7	<b>Shore to Shore</b> E -250 miles (50 per day, E only) LD-125 miles (25 per day) C-125 miles (25 per day)		
Aug. 8	<b>Cool Off</b> Sat E 50, LD 25, C- 25		
Sept. 5 Sept. 6 Sept. 7	<b>White River Labor Day</b> Sat E 55, LD 30, C-35, 25 Sun E 75, 50, LD 30, C-35, 25 Mon E 50, LD 30, C- 25	Pete Wierengo 4345 Warner Ave Hesperia, MI 49421 <a href="mailto:tecllc04@aol.com">tecllc04@aol.com</a>	(231) 854-0092
Sept. 12, 13	<b>Keweenaw</b> - Location TBA Sat E 50, LD 25, C- 50, 25 (aft) Sun E 50, LD 25, C- 25, Fun 8-15miles	Karen Jarvi Dollar Bay, MI 49922 <a href="mailto:kih84@hotmail.com">kih84@hotmail.com</a>	<a href="mailto:sunnyville@hotmail.com">sunnyville@hotmail.com</a>
Sept. 19,20	<b>Tin Cup Springs</b> – Luther Sat E 50, LD 25, C- 50, 25 Sun LD 25, C- 25	Becke Grams 1955 N. Kings Hwy Luther, MI 49656 <a href="mailto:beckeg@aol.com">beckeg@aol.com</a>	(616) 430-7804
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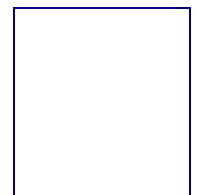
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