



## Hoof Beats

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### Emergency Essential Information submitted by Karen Bahrman

As most of you are aware there was a tragic accident at the Pine Marten Run this year – a propane explosion in a trailer's living quarters, that became a fatality a few days later.

As many of you are also aware the ambulance response took forever, well over an hour, so I thought I would share what I learned about that situation as well as some safety tips obviated by this incident and/or contributed by other ride managers.

The Pine Marten Run lies at the intersection of three different counties such that it is officially in a county whose population centers are far away but close to the seat of another county. The 911 calls placed from the ride camp unfortunately resulted in the dispatch, not of the closest ambulance in that nearby county seat 10-15 minutes away, but of the ambulance which serves the municipality (a township) in which the camp was located, 45-60 minutes away. To add insult to injury, the closer ambulance was an advanced life support unit staffed by on-site paramedics, while the dispatched ambulance was basic transportation staffed by volunteers who have to be summoned from their homes.

I never received any good answers as to how or why this happened, and have zero confidence that it wouldn't happen again, but I can dispense the following advice to other ride managers:

1. Find out what will happen when 911 is called from your ride camp and vet check(s) and all points in between. Will the closest ambulance be dispatched? And, will the closest ambulance be dispatched regardless of whether calls are made from landlines, cellphones or OnStar? If there is any doubt, you need to instruct attendees to call a number that will connect them with the closest ambulance instead of calling 911, indeed those who come to Pine Marten next year will be told to call 906-387-7030 instead of 911.
2. Directions were not an issue in the situation at Pine Marten – good directions were given and the ambulance was not lost, but keep in mind that most everyone who comes to your ride will be following directions from their home to the ride and won't otherwise know the area, so attendees should also be provided with directions to give an emergency dispatcher.
  - a. In fact, why not furnish all of the emergency service providers that may respond to your ride site with a copy of your ride flyer and map prior to each year's ride?
  - b. And, since someone may want to drive themselves to a hospital for less urgent care, directions from the ride site to hospitals and walk-in clinics would also be in order.
3. All of this information – what number to call in case of emergency, what directions to give dispatchers and directions to hospitals/clinics, should appear both on a poster-sized sign at your ride's office and on something you distribute to riders – the rider/pit crew map, for example, and of course be mentioned at the rider's meeting.

Most ride managers have to draft some kind of safety plan as part of their special use permit and the focus of mine has always been on how we keep track of riders, how we would locate lost riders, how we would access riders injured on the trail, etc. It never occurred to me that the ambulance response time would be a problem and, although I've no reason to think a faster response would have changed the outcome at Pine Marten, the delay in palliative care was unconscionable and one can certainly conceive of circumstances where such delay would be outcome-determinative. So, safety plans that include all of the above would allow something positive to emerge from this tragedy.

**GLDRA Banquet information...**Our annual banquet will be held at the Doherty Hotel in Clare, Michigan on February 1, 2013. The cost will be \$22.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12. Wayne will again be collecting the money and would like to have it by January 23, 2013. Please make your checks payable to GLDRA. Cocktail hour begins at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is at 6:00 p.m. Please call the Doherty at 1-877-236-4378 for room reservations and remember to ask for the group rate for GLDRA. Also, please feel free to use our guestbook section on our webpage [www.gldrami.org](http://www.gldrami.org) to post "room share info" if you are interested in splitting room costs.

**Don't forget your donations for our annual silent auction!** This pays for a major part of our year-end awards. We will again be having our "reverse" auction so any items for that would also be appreciated.

## The Lesson of Oak Leaf Run Submitted by Katy Byrne

As I stood watching Red's tail flash over the next hill and wondering how the reins had pulled through my still tightly clenched fingers, I heard someone behind me say "well its street legal". Apparently the MX dirt bike rider was referring to his bike and NOT his brain. The dirt road narrowed at the peak of the hill and had short steep banks on both sides where the MX rider came flying up to us. Normally Red is not bothered by ATVs but he must have felt threatened as he suddenly tried to get up one side when his feet went out from under us. So as I am walking and wondering when if ever Red would be found a camo clad jeep driver stopped and said some riders (Stephanie and Heather, Hallelujah) had tried to catch a loose horse and did I want a ride? Oh Yeah. On his own and spooked you never know what Red might do even after 35 miles. Driving along another hunter we passed said they couldn't catch him but Stephanie and Heather were still trying to follow him. Well there goes two more riders' day right down the drain. When we reached Stephanie and Heather they were on the phone with ride manager Barb. They all had everyone's cell phone numbers and were talking, coordinating and for all I know texting! ( Ughh) More riders down the road had not seen Red so he must have turned at the two mile marker. Good Boy! That means his brain is back to normal function, maybe he won't get a stirrup caught in a tree and have a wreck or pull a tendon. The nice hunter drove me out to the road while Stephanie and Heather went down the trail. At the road crossing Barb was there on the phone with Cassie who had walked up the trail. After checking the scratch on my arm Barb was going to go drive another part of the trail when she got the call that they had him. So Barb drove me to where he was. Cassie had walked a long way to find him and lead him out after Heather and Stephanie caught him. General consensus said he trotted ok but we had very little time to do 2 miles, a vet check and one more loop. My bighearted little Red horse completed but only because of Barb's well thought out coordinated accident response and super organized and dedicated staff and friends. Lesson learned carry your cell phone with ride managers number in it. Hopefully you can find service in case you or someone else needs it. A BIG Thank you to Barb, crew and anonymous hunters wherever you are.

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## Ride Results

### Keweenaw Saturday, September 07,

#### Competitive Distance 25

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride</u>
Jon Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	Arabian	Completion	342	11.0		1	

#### Lightweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Julie Roe	WMA Silver Sword	Arabian	Completion	362	11.0		1	
Leslie Bennett	Catchu Latr WLA	Arabian	Completion	357	10.0		2	
Katy Byrne	Cea Aaron Halim	Arabian	Completion	355	9.0		3	

#### Endurance Distance 50

#### Heavyweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Wes Elford	Susie Q	Other	Completion	22.0		1	5:52	
Joslyn Seefeldt	DSD Starstruck	Arabian	Completion	20.0		2	8:46	

#### Lightweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Jessie Dux	Renegade Raja	Arabian	Completion	724	22.0	1	5:04	
Wend Maas	Silver Russian	Arabian	Completion	740	20.0	2	5:04	
Carol Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	Other	Completion	18.0		3	8:46	

#### Limited Endurance Distance 25

#### Senior

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride</u>
Barb LeCouteur	Mattingley Rocket	Arabian	Completion		11.0		1	2:25
Rodne LeCouteur	Mattingley Minuteman	Arabian	Completion		10.0		2	2:27
Julia Newton	Lucca	Other	Completion		9.0		3	2:31
Grace Michaud	Magic	Other	Completion		8.0		4	3:00
Kathy Macki	Wadiamond Jubilee	Arabian	Completion	647	7.0		5	3:16
Karen Bahrman	Prada SF	Arabian	Completion		6.0		6	3:16
Jenile Pellegrin	Export	Other	Completion		5.0		C	3:30
Debbie Taylor-Lansky	Selket Khan	Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	3:30

### Keweenaw

Sunday, September 08, 2013

#### Competitive Distance 25

	<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride</u>
Jon Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	Arabian	Completion	317	11.0		1	

#### Lightweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Leslie Bennett	Lis's Love	Thoroughbred	Completion	345	11.0		1	
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#### Limited Endurance Distance 25

#### Junior Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Clara Churchill	Silver Russian	Arabian	Completion	742	11.0		1	2:14
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#### Senior Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Jessie Dux	Renegade Raja	Arabian	Completion	729	11.0		1	2:13
Carol Kolinsky	National Idol	Arabian	Completion		11.0		2	2:22
Barba LeCouteur	Mattingley Rocket	Arabian	Completion		9.0		3	2:26
Rodney LeCouteur	Mattingley Minuteman	Arabian	Completion	8.0		4	2:27	
Julia Newton	Lucca	Other	Completion		7.0		5	2:34
Katy Byrne	Cea Aaron Halim	Arabian	Completion		6.0		6	3:11
Kathy Macki	Wadiamond Jubilee	Arabian	Completion	668	5.0		C	3:11

## Tin Cup Springs Saturday, September 14,

### Competitive Distance 25

#### Heavyweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Jim	Yell	Shadow	Other	Completion	378	0.0		1	
Teresa	Yell	TC	Other	Completion	377	10.0		2	
Jeanne	Aslakson	Quincey QT	Half Arabian	Completion	359	9.0		3	

#### Junior Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Eden	Killingbeck	SH Prince Solomon	Arabian	Completion	330	11.0		1	
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#### Lightweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Jean	Miller	Wren	Half Arabian	Completion	387	11.0		1	
Julie	Roe	WMA Silver Sword	Arabian	Completion	379	10.0		2	
Leslie	Bennett	Catchu Latr WLA	Arabian	Completion	378	9.0	3		

### Distance 50

#### Heavyweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameela	Arabian	Completion	355	22.0		1	
Sandra	Wright	LW Raajsrfection	Arabian	Completion	349	20.0		2	

### Endurance Distance 50

#### Heavyweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Stacey	Cooper	Haley	Arabian	Completion		22.0		1	5:41
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#### Lightweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	Half Arabian	Completion	790	22.0		1	5:41
Cathy	Cook	Red Cloud	Mustang	Completion		20.0		2	6:16

### Limited Endurance Distance 25

#### Junior Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Faye	Kollig	Claire	Other	Completion		11.0		1	4:37
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#### Senior Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Carl	Dosmann	Paper Icon	Thoroughbred	Completion	770	11.0		1	2:21
Myra	Fleming	SVF Magida Sunn	Arabian	Completion		10.0		2	2:28
Andrea	Redman	Is It Bold	Thoroughbred	Completion		9.0		3	3:00
Diana	Anderson	HJH McCoys Magic	Arabian	Completion	652	8.0		4	3:01
Barbara	Kurti	Tryllerika	Arabian	Completion	681	7.0		5	3:03
Karen	Graham	Rainbeau's Adios	Appaloosa	Completion		6.0		6	3:05
Gene	Dake	Lu-Nor Nykabey	Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	3:32
Shelley	Dake	Crucian	Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	3:32
Thomas	Kollig	Roxy	Other	Completion		5.0		C	4:37
Shannon	Weston	Spirit	Half Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	5:14
Beverly	Thatcher	Bear's Northern Light	Arabian	Completion	628	5.0		C	3:07
Diane	Maxey	Shatto's Sir Lance Lot	Half Arabian	Completion	673	5.0		C	3:07
Maggie	Mieske	Samah Azeem bin Malik	Arabian	Pulled		0.0		dnf	
Patty	Wood	The Cabana Boy	Other	Pulled		0.0		dnf	

## Tin Cup Springs Sunday, September 15, 2013

### Competitive Distance 25

#### Junior Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Whitney	Meinders	Honey	Grade	Completion	359	11.0		1	
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#### Lightweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Diane	Meinders	Lacey's Game	Grade	Completion	379	11.0		1	
Leslie	Bennett	Lis's Love	Thoroughbred	Completion	378	10.0		2	
Jean	Miller	Wren	Half Arabian	Completion	373	9.0		3	

### Limited Endurance Distance 25

#### Senior Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Carl	Dosmann	Paper Icon	Thoroughbred	Completion	60	11.0		1	2:41
Stacey	Cooper	Lil Nicki	Arabian	Completion	738	10.0		2	3:09
Cathy	Cook	Red Cloud	Mustang	Completion	713	9.0		3	3:15

Jeanne Aslakson	Cinbob Go Chief	Arabian	Completion		8.0		4	3:17
Barbara Kurti	Kulta	Arabian	Completion	717	7.0		5	3:17

## Pine Marten Run Saturday, September 28,

### Competitive Distance 25

#### Heavyweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Jon Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	Arabian	Completion	365	11.0		1	
Jeanne Aslakson	Quincey QT	Half Arabian	Completion	358	10.0		2	

#### Lightweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Leslie Bennett	Lis's Love	Thoroughbred	Completion	386	11.0		1	
Laura Husser	CDWD Margarita	Half Arabian	Completion	385	10.0		2	
Carol Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	Quarter Horse	Completion	360	9.0		3	
Kristen Wiseman	Idol Fusion	Half Arabian	Completion	352	8.0		4	

### Endurance Distance 50

#### Heavyweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Bonnie Mielke	Ola Loki	Half Arabian	Completion		22.0		1	6:34
Sara Michelin	AM Don Bill	Curly	Completion		20.0		2	7:33

#### Lightweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Jessie Dux	Renegade Raja	Arabian	Completion	760	22.0		1	5:16
Linda Hamrick	RTM First In Line	Half Arabian	Completion	567	20.0		2	5:16
Julia Newton	Luka	Other	Completion		18.0		3	6:25
Katy Byrne	Cea Aaron Halim	Arabian	Completion		16.0		4	6:25
Cathy Cook	Red Cloud	Mustang	Completion		14.0		5	6:48
Cathy Arbib	Tiegen	Grade	Completion		12.0		6	7:33
Wendy Maas	Silver Russian	Arabian	Pulled		0.0		dnf	

### Limited Endurance Distance 25

#### Senior Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Angel Chmurynski	Yankee Zarr	Arabian	Completion		11.0		1	2:29
Carol Kolinsky	National Idol	Arabian	Completion	674	10.0		2	2:30
Sherry Klein	Bollo	Quarter Horse	Completion	680	9.0		3	2:35
Karen Bahrman	Prada SF	Arabian	Completion	714	8.0		4	2:52
Stacey Cooper	Yo Dusty	Grade	Completion	679	7.0		5	2:56
Grace Michaud	Magic	Other	Completion	625	6.0		6	3:29
Gene Dake	Lu-Nor Nykabey	Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	3:43
Shelley Dake	Crucian	Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	3:48
Kayla Shope	Lu-Nor Tornado	Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	3:56
Michele Wood	Mulik El Hawa	Arabian	Completion		5.0		C	3:56
Ginny Scott	Morning	Other	Completion	619	5.0		C	3:29
Barb LeCouteur	Mattingley Rocket	Arabian	Completion	649	5.0		C	3:30
Rodney LeCouteur	Mattingley Minuteman	Arabian	Completion	680	5.0		C	3:31

## Pine Marten Run Sunday, September 29, 2013

### Competitive Distance 25

#### Heavyweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Jeanne Aslakson	Cinbob Go Chief	Arabian	Completion	378	11.0		1	
Jon Wagner	Mi Victory Dance	Arabian	Completion	363	10.0		2	

#### Lightweight Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Laura Husser	CDWD Margarita	Half Arabian	Completion	389	11.0		1	
Leslie Bennett	Lis's Love	Thoroughbred	Completion	374	10.0		2	

### Limited Endurance Distance 25

#### Senior Horse Score Points BC Place Ride

Rodney LeCouteur	Mattingley Rocket	Arabian	Completion	740	11.0		1	3:27
Cathy Cook	Red Cloud	Mustang	Completion	700	10.0		2	3:42

**2013 DISTANCE AWARDS**

**PERSONAL MILEAGE PROGRAM**

**200 MILE CERTIFICATES**

EMMA ROGGENBUCK

**500 MILE PATCHES**

MARY GOERICKE

**1,000 BELT BUCKLE**

DIANE MAXEY  
DEB TAYLOR-LANSKY

**2,000 PICTURE ALBUM**

LESLIE BENNETT  
WHITNEY MEINDERS

**12,000 MILE AWARD**

LINDA HAMRICK

**13,000 MILE AWARD**

JEANIE MILLER

**IF YOU ARE LISTED IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AWARD CATEGORIES PLEASE CHECK ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION. IF ANY ERRORS ARE NOTED PLEASE NOTIFY KATHY MACKI BY DECEMBER 31, 2013. NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER THIS DATE.**

**HORSE MILEAGE PROGRAM**

**200 MILE CERTIFICATES**

KULTA  
LU-NOR NYABEY  
NOWAY'S NORTHERN STAR  
PAPER ICON  
SAMAHA GAMEELA

**500 MILE PATCHES**

HALEY  
HIDDEN BONUS  
LIS'S LOVE  
MY MAY FLYER

**1,000 MILE PICTURE FRAMES**

CEA AARON HALIM  
MATTINGLEY KC HEART  
TRYLLERIKA

**2,000 MILE AWARD**

RAINBEAU'S ADIOS  
RTM FIRST IN LINE

**3,000 AWARD**

ALADA KHEANNA  
RED CLOUD

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Proposed bylaw change that the Board approved for publishing back in February to be voted on at the annual meeting Feb 1.

**Amend Article IX, Section 10 (Notification of General Meetings) to read: "The general membership shall be notified of the annual and other meetings at least twenty-five (25) days prior to the meeting date."**



**GREAT LAKES DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2013 via Conference Call beginning at 6:00 p.m. (Unapproved)**

- I. Call to order - President Gene Dake - Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.
- II. Roll call and reading of minutes - Secretary Kathy Macki - Present was Gene, Kathy, Bruce, Rae, Karen B., Barb K., Lisa Germann, Wayne Gastfield, Linda Hamrick, Becke Grams, and Diane Meinders. Everyone was provided with a copy of the June 2013 minutes prior to the conference call. Gene motioned to accept the minutes as presented. Bruce seconded. Minutes accepted.
- III. Treasurer's report - Treasurer Bruce Birr - Bruce gave a short verbal report. We have a balance of \$7,355.16 between all accounts. Wayne moved to accept. Kathy seconded.
- IV. Committee Reports - There were no committee reports for executive, veterinarian, MHC, Finance, Rider Rep, points & mileage, grievance, membership or web page.
  - A. Executive
  - B. Veterinarian
  - C. Michigan Horse Council, Trails
  - D. Finance
  - E. Rider Reps
  - F. Points and Mileage
  - G. Newsletter - See Old Business below.
  - H. Grievance
  - I. Awards - It was mentioned that Julie would like to retire this position after this year. We will address this at the annual meeting in February.
  - J. Membership
  - K. Promotions - Diane gave a report on the upcoming Novi expo. The demo will be on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Parking passes (for those bringing horses) and admission tickets for workers and participants were sent out by Shelley. It was mentioned that we would be offering a \$10.00 membership at the expo.
  - L. Web page
- V. Old Business
  - A. Insurance 2014 - It was unanimously agreed to let Shelley take care of this again this year (Thanks Shell!).
  - B. Facebook Page - Diane/Rachael - Diane reported on the progress of our FB page. She and Carl will get together and get it set up. We will address this at the Feb. (actually Jan., Friday) board meeting.
  - C. Survey Monkey - Rae - She will work on it again (regarding banquet attendance or lack thereof) and try to get it out. Linda and Diane added some thoughts. Rae added some thoughts. Kathy will get a list of new riders to Diane so she can send them a letter inviting them to attend the banquet.
  - D. Newsletter - Need committee/person to make sure everything is published in the Dec. Issue, Rae send out an e-mail to board members with the list she had. She read the list she had which included the Nov. board meeting minutes and she thought it would be a good idea to also have the annual minutes from the prior year (short discussion and it was mentioned that any minutes that were unpublished should go in). Some discussion followed. Bruce will send out an e-mail reminder to send in H of F nominations. Kathy and Rae will work on a list of stuff that should be in each newsletter and get it to Karen Graham.
- VI. New Business
  - A. Proposed 2014 - ride schedule - The proposed ride schedule was accepted with a few minor corrections. Linda suggested putting a separate flyer in the ride book for each of the WR rides instead of just one listing all Wayne's rides. Bruce moved to okay this, Lisa seconded.
  - B. Banquet (fees, speaker, etc.) - Our costs for the banquet are \$24 per adult, \$9.50 for kids 12 and under, children under 5 are free. This is an increase of \$1.00 for adults and \$.50 for children. This does not include tax and gratuity. We need 65 adult attendees for the meal to get the banquet & meeting rooms at no charge. Some discussion followed regarding fees. Gene suggested charging \$24 per adult and \$9.50 for children. Rae had some input on the meal fees. Last year we charged \$20 per adult and \$10 for children. Bruce proposed \$22 per adult and \$9 per child. Gene seconded this. Rae would like to see the meal fee for children even lower. Kathy proposed \$5 per child. This passed. January 23, 2014 is the deadline for letting Wayne know you are attending the banquet and having your money to him.

Karen B. suggested having a speaker on general first aid. Gene will talk to Andy Redman and see if she would be willing to address this. Rae will talk on what we should have on hand in our trailers for equine first aid/emergencies. Would also like to do something on trailer safety (camper part). Barb mentioned US Rider she thought they had flyers and/or a power point presentation on trailer safety. Some discussion followed. Gene will call them and see if someone from there could do a presentation on trailer safety with the possibility of them picking up some memberships. It was suggested that we check and see if there was an RV dealer in Clare that could give a short presentation instead of US Rider. Kathy and Gene will work on this.
  - C. Bylaw changes - Bruce - None at this time.
  - D. General EAP for ride managers - Bruce - There was much discussion about this. Bruce suggested maybe having a basic template for ride managers that could be posted at the ride sites. It was mentioned that RMs need to be familiar with who and where local emergency personnel are located. They should also be familiar with the territory where their ride is held. Becke puts stickers on the rider cards with emergency information; Barb posts this information in camp. Karen will write an article for the newsletter on safety issues. There was much more discussion on this issue.
  - E. Bruce mentioned how economical the conference call is and wondered about the 6 p.m. time. Everyone liked the 6 p.m. time better than the middle of the day. We will plan on 6 p.m. on the first Saturday in November 2014 for our fall board meeting.

VII. Next meeting - January 31, 2014 at 8:30 p.m., Doherty Hotel, Clare, Michigan  
Adjournment - Wayne moved to adjourn, Bruce seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Kathy Macki Secretary

**Sportsmanship Award** Al Moeller, ride manager of the Yankee Springs ride donated the Sportsmanship Award. He left open his option to make it a perpetual trophy. This award is to emphasize good sportsmanship, that is, asking for the trail when passing, welcoming new members to our sport, giving them help, and answering their questions, etc. When making nominations a particular act of sportsmanship should be noted. Nominations are given from the floor at the annual meeting; the winner is announced at the Awards Ceremony.

Year	Name
1988	Joe & Ruth <u>Yogus</u>
1989	Rae <u>Birr DVM</u>
1990	Al <u>Moeller</u>
1991	Sue <u>Herrick</u>
1992 & 1995	Karen <u>Skuratowicz</u>
1993	Katy <u>Byrne</u>
1994	Jeff <u>Abrams</u>
1996	Jean <u>Miller</u>
1997	Ted <u>Klopfenstein</u>
1998	Linda <u>Sherrill</u>
1999	Gene <u>Williams</u>
2000	Betty <u>Dykstra</u>
2001	Rose <u>Clark</u>
2002	Russ <u>Sherrill</u>
2003	Gene <u>Dake</u>
2004, 2007, 2010	Diane <u>Meinders</u>
2005	Shelley <u>Dake</u>
2006 & 2008	Donnie <u>Hamrick</u>
2009	Sarah <u>Michelin</u>
2011	Jeannie <u>Aslakson</u>
2012	Barb <u>Kurti</u>

### Volunteer of the Year Award

Char Richards suggested that Great Lakes Distance Riding Association begin a Volunteer award to recognize the people who donate time at the rides. Volunteers play a very important role in the success of our rides. Jam Mills-Kennedy handled the nominations. Elections are held at the annual meeting. This award is given by GLDRA. The award is nominated from the floor and voted on by the membership

Year	Name
1988	Larry <u>Osborne</u>
1989	Wayne <u>Gastfield</u>
1990	Bruce <u>Dilg</u>
1991	Sue <u>Herrick</u>
1992	Duane <u>Dykstra</u>
1993	Ray <u>Sugzda</u>
1994	Marge <u>Phillips</u>
1995	Jon <u>Apsey</u>
1996	Julie <u>Roe</u>
1997	Jon <u>Apsey</u>
1998	Bonnie <u>Tobias</u>
1999	Cindy <u>Osborne</u>
2000	Larry <u>Osborne</u>
2001	Charles <u>Phillips</u>
2002	Kathy <u>Macki</u>
2003	Cindy <u>Osborne</u>
2004	Byard <u>Family</u>
2005	Wayne <u>Gastfield</u>
2006	Bruce <u>Birr</u>
2007	Bonnie <u>Tobias</u>
2008	Bruce <u>Birr</u>
2009	Dennis <u>Sorenson</u>
2010	Donnie <u>Hamrick</u>
2011	Sue <u>Herrick</u>
2012	Kathy <u>Macki</u>

### The Hall Of Fame

The Hall of Fame award was started by Ted and Holly Palmer-Chaff in 1984. They donated a silver trophy bowl that is engraved with the winners, who were nominated and voted on by the general membership at the annual meeting. The Nominees were to be ones that have made an outstanding contribution to distance riding during either a long period of time or an outstanding achievement in one year. This is to be a traveling trophy brought back annually and give to the next winners. A committee met in 1992 and recommended these guidelines be put into effect in 1993. Nominations are to be written and publicized at the annual meeting. This could be done with handouts or posters. The candidates should be informed in advance.

Statement of Intent:

The purpose of the Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Hall of Fame is to honor persons and/or horses selected to this position for their outstanding achievements accomplished in this sport.

Criteria:

Individuals voting for these nominees should not take the above statement lightly. Time and consideration need to be given to the performances of those nominated to the Hall of Fame. The votes cast for those nominated should not be spur-of-the-moment decision nor voted for because of sentimental reasons, nor be a popularity contest. This committee has adopted the following guidelines, which may apply to humans or animals

1. Should have accomplished some MAJOR goals in the sport.
2. Should have returned something to the sport (time, competition, etc.)
3. Consistently shows top performance.
4. Accumulated a fair amount of mileage in competition.
5. Must be a member of GLDRA in the years nominated.

All nominations must be printed in the December/Winter Newsletter before voting takes place at the annual meeting.

Previous year's winners are listed on next page.

### Hall Of Fame previous winners

Year	Person	Horse	Owner
1984	Will <u>Koster</u>	Brandy	Kathy <u>Walton</u>
1985	Duane <u>Dykstra</u>	Cedric	Pat <u>Sager</u>
1986	Pat <u>Sager</u>	Dang It All <u>Minty</u>	Vickie <u>Herrick</u>
		<u>Ka-Barrz</u>	Judy <u>Schlink</u>
1987	Joe <u>Yogus</u>	Magic <u>Carima</u>	Joe <u>Yogus</u>
1988	Roger & Rhoda <u>Ritter</u>	Rugged <u>Lacys B</u>	Jan <u>Mills-Kennedy</u>
1989	Richard <u>Stonehouse</u>	Shorty	Bruce <u>Birr</u>
1990	Jo Beth <u>Bridleman</u>	Mar <u>Rocca</u>	Pat <u>Sager</u>
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1990	Jo Beth <u>Bridleman</u>	Mar <u>Rocca</u>	Pat <u>Sager</u>
1991	Marcia <u>Koster</u>	Mira <u>Star</u>	Robin <u>Dilg</u>
1992	Ruth <u>Yogus</u>	Spruce <u>Sarta</u>	Craig & Debbie <u>Olson</u>
1993	Betty <u>Dykstra</u>	T.F. <u>Starfire</u>	Marcia <u>Koster</u>
1994	Sue <u>Herrick</u>	Count <u>Qamira</u>	Julie <u>Roe</u>
1995	Jim <u>Yell</u>	Tyson	Ray <u>Sugzda</u>
		One Tuff <u>Joker</u>	Jonathan <u>Bosma</u>
1996	Ray <u>Sugzda</u>	Takis <u>Rama</u>	Shelly <u>Dake</u>
1997	Rae <u>Birr</u>	Bay <u>Champagne</u>	Jean <u>Miller</u>
1998	Julie <u>Roe</u>	Tis-A- <u>Prince</u>	Jim <u>Harris</u>
1999	Cindy <u>Osborne</u>	Chester	Katy <u>Byrne</u>
	Wayne <u>Gastfield</u>		
2000	Jeanie <u>Miller</u>	Matuk's <u>Legend</u>	Roseanne <u>Clark</u>
2001	Gene <u>Dake</u>	It's A <u>Story</u>	Don <u>Caldwell</u>
2002	Shelley <u>Dake</u>	Jo <u>Ye Conbri+</u>	Lisa <u>Germann</u>
2003	Jan <u>Kennedy</u>	Just <u>Jimmy</u>	Julie <u>Roe</u>
2004	Ted <u>Klopfenstein</u>	Maggie (War <u>Lucinda</u> )	Jeanie <u>Miller</u>
2005	No Nominations	Miss	The <u>Birrs</u>
2006	Bruce <u>Birr</u>	Honey	Diane <u>Meinders</u>
2007	Charles <u>Phillips</u>	J <u>Dalmaar Sharri+</u>	Charles <u>Phillips</u>
2008	Karen <u>Graham</u>	Synerator (Bud)	Barb <u>Kurti</u>
	Karen <u>Bahrman</u>		
	Lisa <u>Germann</u>		
2010	Myra <u>Fleming</u>	Gallant <u>Dancer</u>	Linda <u>Hamrick</u>
2010	No Nominations	MA <u>Mara Leah</u>	Kari & Dale <u>Hanes</u>
2011	No Nominations for horse or rider		
2012	No Nomination for rider	Count <u>Cha-Ska</u>	Shelley <u>Dake</u>



## Nomination for Hall of Fame - Horse: Rushcreek Radar

Radar was the best equine a horse family could ask for. From "What's Miss doing in the trailer in the front yard?" on a cool late winter morning when Radar was a surprise arrival to Marlie, to thousands of miles in numerous trailers to attend countless competitions, lessons, and fun rides; From hundreds of miles on trail bringing up the rear behind countless amazing sponsors, to jumping rounds at Pony Club camps; From countless blue ribbons and fantastic P&Rs, to racing across polocrosse fields; From innumerable dismissals from hunter rounds, to grand champion in a hunter division; From tearful hours of fighting for the right canter lead, to so many beginner riders in lessons; From tree kicking to tear wiping; From long conditioning rides and learning about tendon injuries, to hours of bandaging practice; From summer afternoons swimming off his back, to winter bareback rides; From a broken arm after a silly spook, to a broken heart when his time came.

Radar was as versatile as any horse comes. With thousands of miles to his name when our family bought him in 1998, he was a true endurance horse, ready to take a junior rider down the trail. Countless hours and hundreds of miles spent teaching me how to condition, recondition, get really good P&Rs, and enjoy the ride. His "other career" took us to jumping shows and Pony Club lessons, teaching me, Trevor, and other young riders about canter leads (and all the ways to ask for them!) and how to accept defeat when he refused to jump or pick up that right lead. In his late 20s we started playing fast-paced polocrosse -- tearing up the field with mounts half his age. Anywhere he went, he was always ready with a nicker when you returned or ventured out to the barn for a visit.

Radar filled a place in our hearts that can never be refilled. He will be missed as he enjoys greener pastures.

Where in this wide world can man find nobility without pride, friendship without envy, or beauty without vanity? Here, where grace is laced with muscle, and strength by gentleness confined. He serves without servility, he has fought without enmity. There is nothing so powerful, nothing less violent; there is nothing so quick, nothing more patient. England's past has been borne on his back. All our history is his industry, we are his heirs, he our inheritance. Ladies and Gentlemen; the Horse!" ~Ronald Duncan

## **Hall of Fame Person submitted by Diane Meinders**

One person that I am so surprised has never been on the Hall of Fame listing is Kathy Macki.

How can we start on all of the things she has done for our organization, and our sport.

I have not even been around as long as she has, so I am probably starting this somewhere in the middle!

She has led for many,many years the Grand Island ride. She has assisted on the Grand Island ride for as many years as I can remember. Every year she seems to have some job assisting the management on making that ride the success that it is. She is always there signing people in, or helping catch a horse! She has accumulated points and turned them in for many years for that ride.;

She as for as many years as I can remember she has been the "go to" person for points, horse points and tracking. She always, knows when we have ridden out of state, and asks us for the information, so that points can be gathered. She can always find a horse/rider in AERC even when the wrong information is given to her. She always remembers people and their horse's names, even if they did not ride much. I often wish I had her memory for that!

She has held numerous positions on the board, over many years. She has helped organize and set-up the banquet for longer than I can remember.

She won the volunteer award for 2002. She probably should have had it for many more years.

I see no reason why she is not deserving of this award this year, and any year!



**Rushcreek Radar**

## Hall of Fame horse nomination Bad Andy AKA CH Shamm Bashire SUBMITTED BY Maxine Bernsdorf

2004 New horse needed. I have rules about "how to buy a horse".

Rule# 1 Interpret the ad. If the ad says "Endurance prospect" RUN - means no one else can ride it. "Trail broke" means was ridden outside the barn once or twice. "No shoes necessary" means my farrier won't go near him. "Independent" means guaranteed uncatchable. "Assertive" means he is a BOSS HOSS. "Trailers well" means only if you have rubber padding 6 feet high inside trailer.

Rule # 2 Never take the trailer along when you go to LOOK at the horse..

So - when my gray mare was having hoof issues I needed a backup horse to ride. Someone had a 7 yr old, trail broke gelding that needed a new home. SUNDAY afternoon I hooked up the trailer and went to SEE "Andrew." Small, scrawny, bay and handsome. Oh, oh!

Rule # 3 Always ask the seller to ride the horse. That went OK. Had to ask the seller to remove the tie down, martingale, etc and give me operating instructions. Ride Andrew for 15 minutes.

Rule # 4 Have a set price in mind. Made an offer. It was accepted!

Rule # 5 "If I can load it - I will buy it." Andrew walked into the trailer. And I took him to his new home.

WEDNESDAY - Andrew has had two days to acclimate to his new home. Time now to fit him with his own saddle & tack. I rode him for 15 minutes.

FRIDAY - Loaded horses in the trailer and hauled to the Northern Highland ride competition. Mare was lame and didn't vet through. Bright idea - ride the new gelding. Andy placed 4<sup>th</sup>. OK! Hauled 100 miles south to get shoes put on him because he now had a job. Next step, lots of trail riding to condition the scrawny bay gelding that did NOT look like a distance horse. Just one small problem. Every time I mounted his back went up and his head went down. Does the term "cold backed" come to mind? My solution? He just needs more miles. Off we go to organized trail ride. Trail riders do not rise and ride before noon, so Andy and I went out by ourselves. We rode Friday night, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening and planned a short ride for Sunday morning. Well, Andy protested. He bucked! HARD! The ground was also hard. He left me lying in the gravel and ran off to eat breakfast with the trail horses while their riders slept. I found and caught him, remounted and proceeded to do a loong ride. The black & blue rider had to take two months off. My new solution to the problem? Have someone lead him 20 feet until his back relaxed, then ride with a tight rein at the back of pack so he could be stopped. He had earned his "Bad Andy" name.

2005 New season. New tack. New attitude.

Our 1st ride of the season is at North Kettle Moraine. We rode comp with friend Linda J. Andy was too fast so I let him run ahead to "burn off steam". Black hole in trail! Andy stops! I do not. Over his head I went, but held fast to his reins, knowing full well he will leave me there in the dirt. My finger snapped and I lost the reins. Andy galloped back toward camp for "help". I walked. Met Linda J and new friend Jennifer P leading him. They helped me remount as my finger was obviously broken. I straightened the finger and finished the ride with the help of vet wrap. I went to see the Dr. that Monday. Andy was fine. This was the start of our serious competitive riding.

2006 New problem. I started noticing his left eye was cloudy. Veterinarian's diagnosis.....his allergies had attacked his eye. He received a surgical implant of medication in his eye, as well as medication applied in his eye twice a day. Did I mention that he is allergic to everything topical? Wool saddle pad, neoprene, topical aids such as Green Cool, shampoo, etc. all caused a reaction. I managed to deal with that. All was well. UNTIL! I brought him in from pasture for the night. He was standing at the gate on three legs with a LARGE three corner tear exposing the tendons on his left hind leg. Obviously the gray mare had taken revenge! Andy spent TWO YEARS OFF to heal and developed a huge scar.

2009 - 2012 Back on trail!

New plan. New goal. Andy becomes King! Just do it his way and all is well. We are on a winning competitive career. We have three thousand plus miles under saddle, are consistently in the Top 10 in UMECRA and claimed two Championship jackets. He was Champion heavyweight competitive horse in GLDRA, Top 8 in DRAW, and earned championships in AHR & AHDR. That's my boy!

In 2009 we decided to take on the challenge of Shore to Shore. That year we only rode 3 days. In 2010, 2011 & 2012 we completed all seven days and in 2012, riding with good friend Leslie, we won the Shore to Shore Competitive ride. What an adventure!! Life is good!

2013 New goals.

Rider is lame! Unable to ride long distances. - Andy got a new job of leading Novice riders down the trail. Novices beware! Do not dare to pass! Ears back and cobra neck extended, Bad Andy set the pace, found the trail and showed them how competitive riding was done. We made many new friends and had fun doing it.

We also spent a relaxing week of trail riding in the Black Hills of South Dakota. We rode through a "hole in the rock" and managed our way down a "Man from Snowy River" trail. Over mountains, rocks, logs and water, Andy carried me without a mishap. Through cattle and past deer, always taking care of his rider, Andy was happy to be doing his job. There was no more "cold back". While still able to buck and bite, Andy and I are looking forward to competing another seven years!

My favorite ride and this RIDERS CHOICE is BAD ANDY! p.s. NOT for sale! Max



## Pit Crew of the Year Award

This award was originated by Bonnie Tobias to recognize the dedicated individuals that support the endurance horse & rider. They devote many long and grueling hours and are instrumental to the care and well being of horse & rider.

Nominations are given from the floor at the annual meeting, the winner is announced at the Awards Ceremony.

Year	Name
1997	Russ Sherrell
1998	Brian Redman & Boys
1999	Angel Williams
2000	Montie Schultz/Peggy Rauch
2001	Donnie Hamrick
2002	Nelson Mieske
2003	Bonnie Tobias Crew
2004	Becke Grams Crew
2005	Jeanie Miller's Crew
2006	Chuck Six
2007	Dale Hanes
2008	None nominated
2009	PJ Birr
2010	Shelley Dake & Karen Graham
2011	Donnie Hamrick
2012	Shelley & Gene Dake and Don Caldwell



### Ride Management Award

This award was donated by Bonnie Tobias in 1991, and is a traveling trophy with all of the names and year engraved on it. After managing the Gun Run Ride, Bonnie wanted to recognize the management for all of the efforts they put into their rides and reward those who were outstanding. At first this award was to be nominated and sent in prior to the annual meeting with following points rated on a low-high scale. This award is now nominated from the floor and voted on by the membership and awarded at the Annual Awards Ceremony.

The following criteria should be considered when determining which rides to nominate.

Trail Markings	Vet attitude/professionalism
Organization	P/R Teams-accuracy, quantity, quality
Trail/variety-challenging	Variety of ride offerings
Awards/quality, quantity	Courtesy, demeanor of ride management team
Camping facilities	Toilets
	Direction to Camp

Year	Ride	Location	Ride Manager
1991	Wolverine Ride	Harbor Springs	Val Harris
1992	White River Rides	Fremont	Wayne Gastfield
1993	White River Rides	Fremont	Wayne Gastfield
1994	Wolverine Ride	Harbor Springs	Val Harris
1995	Little Mainstee Memorial Ride Luther		Becke Grams
1996	Hopkins Creek Ride	Manton	Jean & Larry Miller
1997	AHAM Ride	Mio	Betty Brazier
1998	AHAM Ride	Mio	Betty Brazier
1999	AHAM Ride	Johnson Crossing	Betty & John Brazier
2000	Pine Martin	Nahma Junction	Karen Bahrman
2001	Bear River Ride	Petosky	Shannon Weston
2002	Shore To Shore Ride	Michigan	Wayne Gastfield
2002	Oak Leaf Run	Allegan	Bonnie Tobias
2003	AHAM	Petosky	Gene Dake
2003	Grand Island	Rapid River	Mig Dutton
2004	Brighton Rides	Brighton	Lisa Germann
2005	Tin Cup Springs	Luther	Becke Grams
2006	AHAM	Petosky	Gene & Shelley Dake
2007	AHAM	Battle Creek	Gene & Shelley Dake
2008	Shore to Shore Ride	Michigan	Wayne Gastfield
2009	Hopkins Creek Ride	Manton	Byrad Family
2010	Oak Leaf Run	Silver Creek	Barb Kurti
2010	Brighton Fall Ride	Brighton	Lisa Germann
2011	AHAM	Battle Creek	Gene & Shelley Dake
2011	Pine Marten	Nahma Junction	Karen Bahrman
2012	Grand Island North	Nahma Junction	Karen Bahrman



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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- Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of **Horse** nominated for Distance Program: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner of Horse-Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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Please make check/money order payable to GLDRA. **FEE: \$30** \_\_\_\_\_

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