



Great Lakes Distance Riding Assn Hoof Beats Newsletter

December 2016

Letter from the President



Well I'm sure this is a pretty beefy newsletter so I'll keep this short. With the holidays upon us we are working on getting the details set for the Banquet/Awards Meeting arranged for 4th and 5th of February 2017. Like last year this is a Saturday & Sunday arrangement so only one night needs to be reserved at the Dougherty Hotel in Clare, MI. For those who live nearby a reservation may not be needed at all. The meeting itinerary will be coming to you soon. I look forward to seeing you there!



In regards to the projects that we have been working on all have had significant progress and we will have good discussion points for the next Board meeting in February. We have a good start to better rules for mentoring and the

sanctioning question has some interesting benefits and not much downside. Both of these things and several others will be presented to the club members at the open club meeting. I believe that these items will help improve the club and give a second to none value for the membership. This will also aid in attracting new riders to the events.

Carl Dosmann
President



MICHIGAN HORSE EXPO

March 10 -12 2017

We will once again be putting together a booth and are seeking volunteers. Come spend a few hours talking to others and introducing them to our great sport.

Please contact Diane Meinders 616-706-6478 or Dmeinders@optiodata.com to volunteer or with questions

Hall of Fame Nominations

LW Raajasrlection

We would like to nominate our horse LW Raajasrlection (Junior).

From the start Junior was a special horse. Just an hour before buying him, he delivered a double barrel kick to Ken's thigh when he got too excited after the blessing for the horses at Oak Leaf Run's Spring Ride. It is hard to imagine he is the same horse that is the caretaker of our daughter Sarah.

If the other competitive horses could vote for Horse Hall of Fame, Junior would win. He has proven himself as master of the trails. Any horse that rides with him quickly appreciates his calm and confident manner. Junior is fearless on the trail and his fellow equines typically expect him to lead them through rivers, over terrifying bridges and along other suspicious trail obstacles.

Junior has also proven himself as the master of competitive events and has worked to pass his knowledge on to the other horses in our herd, Gameela and Chip. He was primarily responsible for training Ken's mare Gameela when she was a yearling, with miles of ponying on roads and trails. When Ken first threw his leg over Gameela's back on her 3rd birthday, she was ready to ride. It was evident that Junior had handled most of her saddle training. Junior's knowledge of timing and trails is unsurpassed. It is always an argument telling him that the trail has actually been rerouted.

Junior has had to overcome challenges. In 2007 he became gravely ill with Potomac Fever. He had to go to Michigan State University for treatment, requiring blood plasma transfusions and staying in their Intensive Care stalls. But his biggest challenge has been taking over the leadership of our herd after Skky's passing. It is hard telling Gameela to do anything!

Junior carried Ken for many years and miles, achieving a number of top ten results in heavy weight competitive division in UMECRA. After that, Sandra achieved top 5 standing for two years. Now it is Sarah's turn to top 10 in her first competitive season in the junior division. We have a saying in our house – if you ride Junior for a full season, you will top ten in UMECRA! He is consistently sound and healthy, and his no-drama attitude on the trail makes him a valued partner. He surpassed 3,000 UMECRA miles in 2016 and has won numerous AHA, ADHRA, UMECRA, GLDRA and OAATS awards during his 12-year career.

We are very grateful for the many years that he has been our companion on the trails. He is a proven leader on the trail and a consistent top 10 finisher in regional standings. When our daughter Sarah was an infant, Junior made it clear that he was going to be her "heart horse." He's been carrying Sarah since she was a toddler, and the only time she fell was when she dozed off at age four and he shied when a pastured horse startled him. Sarah fell onto the road underneath Junior, and he made sure to not step on her. That was 6 years ago, and he has not spooked since with Sarah in the saddle. She's been riding in Competitive Mounted Orienteering events on Junior since she was 6 years old, and started in GLDRA/UMECRA last year with a couple of 15 mile rides. Junior continues to be the best caretaker for our daughter, now that she has moved up to 25 mile rides. He is the perfect family horse, as we have all enjoyed riding him since we brought him home in 2004. For these reasons we feel that LW Raajasrlection deserves to enter the Horse Hall of Fame.

Awards: UMECRA

2016	Top 10 Competitive Junior Rider	Sarah
2015	Started with Sarah in Novice Rides	
2014	Top 5 HW Competitive	Sandra
	Won the 25 mile 5-day Shore to Shore Ride, CTR	
2013	Competed in AHA Nationals	Sandra
2013	Top 5 HW Competitive	Sandra
2012	Top 10 HW Competitive	Ken
2011	11th HW Competitive	Ken
2010	3 rd HW Competitive	Ken
2007 – 2009	No History Available	Ken
2006	Top 5 Rookie Competitive	Ken



RTM First in Line (Sis)



RTM First in Line (Sis) came to our family as a scrawny, unmanageable two year old. After two years of LD rides and seven years of endurance rides, Sis has proven herself to be a strong willed and determined competitor. Although that strong will sometimes leads to “disagreements,” Sis gives her full effort at each ride. Sis is all business at endurance rides and she loves her job.

2016 has been a very successful year for Sis. She completed 690 miles this year, including 2 LDs and her very first competitive trail ride. In 2015, Sis completed 5 of 7 fifty milers on the Shore to Shore Ride resulting in a total of 800 miles. RTM First in Line (Sis) has placed at or near the top of the year-end standings in AERC, UMECRA, AHDRA, and GLDRA nearly every year of her endurance career. She has won the AHA High Point 50 Mile Endurance Horse award and placed in the AERC War Mare national competition several times each.

RTM First in Line has completed 4075 endurance miles and 520 LD miles in her career. I am so thankful that Sis is strong, capable, and willing to be my partner in this sport that I love. I’m looking forward to many more seasons of competition and eventually hope for the two of us to earn the AERC Decade Team award.

Over Brooks Image+//

I found Brooks when he was 3 years old at a herd dispersal sale. I was looking for an Arabian/Saddlebred cross and he was cheap. Little did I know what he would turn out to be! At that time he knew nothing but how to wear a halter, and was very immature looking. He looked more like a two year old, scrawny and not particularly pretty, and his front legs looked like they came out of the same hole! All I had to go by was his bone structure and for the price of a \$1 per pound I decided he was good enough to take a chance on. I took my time breaking him since he was so immature, and at the age of 6 Brooks started his distance career in 2001. Thank goodness we still had Brio for him to follow that season or it would have taken a lot longer! He was afraid of the world, but we persisted as distance riders do. He was not easy, but he taught me a great deal.

Brooks has competed every year since then, and in the process blossomed into an athlete and in my opinion quite a beautiful horse.



In 2002 he was Res. Champion 1/2 Arabian Region 13 Competitive Trail horse. Back then, the AHA Regional CTR was only available in Michigan every other year. And in 2004 he was Champion Region 13 half Arabian Competitive Trail horse and had accrued over 1000 distance miles and earned his Legion of Honor award from AHA.

Then tragedy struck. Brooks had a pasture accident where his back shoe got stuck on his upper halter ring. Eventually he pulled off the shoe, but not before doing significant injury to his neck and back. It was not a given he would live, let alone be sound to be ridden again. Intensive care and Brooks’ undeterred spirit brought him back the next season and every other afterward. However this injury plagues him to this day...he just works in spite of it.

In 2006 we completed our first 100 mile endurance ride and in 2007 he had accrued over 2,000 combined endurance and CTR miles and earned his Legion on Supreme Honor award from AHA. And to our surprise and delight he topped off the year by winning the National AHA Half Arabian Competitive Trail horse championship at Leatherwood Mountain in North Carolina. The toughest trail I have been on to date! Who would have ever thought Brooks was a mountain horse, the tougher the trail the better he does.

In 2009 he was Top 5 Half Arabian in the Region 13 Endurance Championship ride. Showing that he can do both competitive and endurance. In between he did many endurance miles earning his 1,000 mile award from AERC. In 2012 he completed another 100 mile endurance ride at the age of 18. I believe he was the oldest horse in that ride.

He continued to accrue mileage since then and he is now just under 4000 lifetime miles. This year in 2016 he earned his Legion of Excellence award from AHA. I do not know of many horses from this side of country that can say that! Brooks and I also earned our Decade team award from AERC, and had a great time being the “anchor” when riding with my two junior riders.

Brooks is now 21 years old and still going strong, completing 260 miles this year.

He has competed in 6 States in all kinds of terrain doing his best on the hardest courses.

I believe Brooks deserves consideration for Hall of Fame Horse because of his perseverance and accomplishments despite having the odds stacked against him. He is one tough little horse.

GLDRA Breakfast and Awards 2017

February 4 & 5, 2017
Doherty Hotel, Clare, MI

Name(s) of attendees: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Breakfast Brunch Buffet

Adults # _____ @ \$16.00 = _____

Children (age 12 and under) # _____ @ (no charge, but need a count)

GLDRA Schedule for Saturday

February 4, 2017:

Board meeting 4:00 – 6:00 pm

- ***Reception/Light Snacks 6:00 – 10:00 pm***
- ***Speaker, Stephanie Murray 7:30-8:30 pm***
- *(Riding Around the World/Stepie's Epic Adventures)*
- ***Silent Auction Set-up and early bidding***
6:00 – 10:00 pm

GLDRA Schedule for Sunday

February 5, 2017:

Breakfast 9:00 – 10:30 am

- ***General Membership Meeting 10:30 - ?***
- ***Awards/Silent Auction following meeting***

Don't forget your donations for our annual silent auction! This pays for a major part of our year-end awards.

Send completed form and check for brunch (made out to GLDRA) to:

Bruce Birr
1633N W Kendall Road
Manistique, MI 49854

- We must have meal count in by January 30th
so PLEASE register now! No cancellation after that date.

Hotel Registration

Doherty Hotel
604 N. McEwan Clare, MI

1-800-525-4115 or 989-386-3441

For the group discount rate, request the
GLDRA rate

Rates:

2 full beds 88.00
2 queen beds or 1 King \$95.00
2 queen beds with fireplace. Frig and wet bar \$110.00
Jacuzzi Suite with fireplace King bed \$140.00

Please make reservations soon to get group rate.

Summary of Proposed Bylaws Changes at the February, 2017 GLDRA Annual Meeting

(Full markup copies of the bylaws will be available at the meeting)

In bylaws copies, language to be deleted is shown as ~~strikeout (like this)~~, while any new wording is highlighted in green (like this).

First, there are a number of minor changes which deal merely with general housekeeping of grammar, punctuation, or wording that clarifies things a bit better. Some (numbering of Articles) are dependent on the action taken on the more major proposals described below.

Secondly, there are a few proposed changes which are more than cosmetic changes, but are relatively minor in results. They are summarized as follows:

- 1- President and V-P terms will not be staggered
- 2- Adding wording for maintaining a second or 'backup' copy of GLDRA records
- 3- Move an erroneously placed item up to duties of the Finance Committee (same section)
- 4- Delete maximum 2-year rider rep requirement/limitation

Additionally there are two rather **major** proposed changes, described as follows:

1. A change to Article V (Board of Directors), Section 5 (Functions and Responsibilities), Sub-Section C, that effectively changes our organization to a sanctioning organization.

Current bylaw wording:

C. Annually review and recognize the proposed GLDRA ride schedule.

(1) Determine the appropriateness of ride dates, locations and other coordinating factors for ride recognition. The Board will establish the policy for this determination.

(2) If a proposed ride and/or date of the ride is not recognized by the Board, points earned at that ride by riders and horses will not be counted or used in determining GLDRA awards.

Proposed bylaw wording:

C. Annually sanction rides located in Michigan. Criteria for sanctioning includes, but is not limited to: the appropriateness of individual ride dates and locations in relation to the state and regional ride schedule. Rides (ride site managements) which were already scheduled in 2016, are considered 'grandfathered in', and may continue with ride dates and locations as they were. However, if the ride site management changes, no such guarantee exists and the new ride site management must seek new sanctioning. Ride results from un-sanctioned rides will not accrue points or records for any GLDRA awards.

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2. The second somewhat major change deals with the makeup and duties limitations and clarifications of the Executive Committee. Proposal is to add items 2 and 3 to Section A of Article VII (Committees), to read as follows:

(2) Take other actions of GLDRA importance of an urgent nature which are not generally needing the approval of the full board. Any time an action needs to be taken that is divisive or contentious in nature, or involving an expenditure of more than \$50, the full board should be queried.

(3) All executive committee actions taken shall be transmitted to the full board for their knowledge, and are subject to validation by the full board at its next meeting.

FINAL STANDINGS 2016



HEAVYWEIGHT EXTENDED DISTANCE COMP

1 (Grand Champion)	Aslakson	Jeanne	Quincey QT (20 rides)	0.0	565.0	253.1
2 (Reserve Champion)	Wright	Sandra	LW Raajas Chip (10 rides)	0.0	260.0	98.0
3	Wright	Ken	Samaha Gameela (9 rides)	0.0	235.0	90.4

HEAVYWEIGHT RESTRICTED DISTANCE COMP

1 (Grand Champion)	Shooshanian	Jennifer	Bit of Mystery (6 rides)	0.0	155.0	61.6
2	Cooper-VanderWoude	Stacey	Lil Nicki (3 rides)	0.0	85.0	34.0

LIGHTWEIGHT EXTENDED DISTANCE COMP

1	Germann	Lisa	Over Brooks Image+ (8 rides)	0.0	205.0	86.2
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LIGHTWEIGHT RESTRICTED DISTANCE COMP

1 (Reserve Champion)	Williams	Tina	Sonny (6 rides)	0.0	155.0	54.8
2	Gruebner	Jessica	JR Perseus (5 rides)	0.0	135.0	50.2
3	Meinders	Diane	MS Dasani (3 rides)	0.0	85.0	36.4
4	Nagy	Mindy	Braveheart of Victory (3 rides)	0.0	80.0	30.6
5	Chmurynski	Angel	Tammens Taj (4 rides)	0.0	100.0	24.0

JUNIOR COMP

1 (Grand Champion)	Walker	Taylor	BackstreetstrutterGSA (12 rides)	0.0	305.0	131.2
2 (Reserve Champion)	Wright	Sarah	LW Raajsreflection (5 rides)	0.0	130.0	53.2
3	Miller	Miranda	Brittany Rolsthedice (4 rides)	0.0	100.0	41.0
4	Gruebner	Fianna	Cinbob Go Chief (3 rides)	0.0	75.0	33.0

LIGHTWEIGHT EXTENDED DISTANCE ENDURANCE

1 (Grand Champion)	Hamrick	Linda	RTM First In Line (13 rides)	4.0	615.0	252.2
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HEAVYWEIGHT EXTENDED DISTANCE ENDURANCE

1 (Reserve Champion)	Cooper-VanderWoude	Stacey	Lil Nicki (6 rides)	8.0	300.0	128.0
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HEAVYWEIGHT RESTRICTED DISTANCE ENDURANCE

1 (Grand Champion)	VanderWoude	Doug	Yo Dusty (8 rides)	8.0	265.0	112.4
2	Green	Cassandra	Tryllerika (4 rides)	0.0	155.0	60.2

LIGHTWEIGHT RESTRICTED DISTANCE ENDURANCE

1 (Reserve Champion)	Meinders	Diane	MS Dasani (7 rides)	2.0	200.0	76.0
2	Redman	Andrea	Lu-Nor Nykabey (5 rides)	0.0	210.0	58.4
3	Grams	Becke	LW Classic Diamond (3 rides)	0.0	150.0	50.0
4	Mocilan	Joyce	Psyreal (3 rides)	2.0	155.0	45.0

LIMITED DISTANCE JUNIOR

1 (Reserve Champion)	Darga	Fallon	Itaque Jester (4 rides)	1.0	110.00	49.4
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LIMITED DISTANCE SENIOR

1 (Grand Champion)	Bahrman	Karen	Prada SF (15 rides)	11.0	390.0	163.2
2	Moorhouse	Lisa	Shaheen El Hilal AW (4 rides)	0.0	110.0	40.6
3	Chmurynski	Angel	Yankee Zarr (3 rides)	0.0	80.0	33.0
4	Grams	Becke	Bear's Northern Light (3 rides)	0.0	80.0	30.0
5	Darga	Pam	Ecliptic Azraff (4 rides)	0.0	85.0	29.4
6	McQueen	Douglas	Tahreekis Legacy (3 rides)	0.0	80.0	29.0

BEST CONDITION

BEST CONDITION – EXTENDED DISTANCE

STACEY COOPER-VANDERWOUDE – LIL NICKI 1663.2

BEST CONDITION – RESTRICTED MILEAGE

DOUG VANDERWOUDE – YO DUSTY 1118.2

BEST CONDITION – LIMITED DISTANCE

KAREN BAHRMAN – PRADA SF 1836.2

HIGH POINT HALF ARAB

ENDURANCE – RTM FIRST IN LINE – LINDA HAMRICK

COMPETITIVE – QUINCEY QT – JEANNE ASLAKSON

PLEASE CONTACT KATHY MACKI kemacki@hughes.net WITH ANY QUESTIONS

PERSONAL DISTANCE MILEAGE AWARD 2016

Kayla Shope	200 – Certificate
Doug VanderWoude	200 – Certificate
Miranda Miller	200 – Certificate
Taylor Walker	200 – Certificate
Mindy Nagy	500 – Patch
Miranda Miller	500 – Patch
Taylor Walker	500 – Patch
Doug VanderWoude	500 – Patch
Jessica Gruebner	1,000 – Buckle
Cassandra Green	1,000 – Buckle
Linda Hamrick	14,000 – TBD

TBD = To be determined between awards person and person winning award

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HORSE DISTANCE MILEAGE AWARD 2016

YO DUSTY	200 – Certificate
SONNY	200 – Certificate
LW RAAJS CHIP	200 – Certificate
LW CONSTANT SOHN	200 – Certificate
JR PERSEUS	200 – Certificate
PATRALANA	200 – Certificate
PSYREAL	200 – Certificate
LU-NOR NYKABEY	500 – Patch
QUINCEY QT	500 – Patch
YO DUSTY	500 – Patch
YO DUSTY	1000 – PICTURE FRAME
SAMAHA GAMEELA	1000 – PICTURE FRAME
BACKSTREETSTRUTTER GSA	1000 – PICTURE FRAME
HJH MCCOYS MAGIC	1000 – PICTURE FRAME
PRADA SF	1000 – PICTURE FRAME
MS DASANI	2000 – TBD
LW RAAJSRFECTION	3000 – TBD
RTM FIRST IN LINE	4000 – TBD

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RIDE RESULTS

Pine Marten Run

Saturday, September 24, 2016

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Jeanne	Aslakson	Quincey QT	Half Arabian	Completion		389	11.0	1	

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Tina	Williams	Sonny	Arabian	Completion		381	11.0	1	
Kevin	Chmurynski	Tammens Taj	Arabian	Completion		357	10.0	2	

Endurance

Distance 50

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Stacey	VanderWoude	Lil Nicki	Arabian	Completion	720	22.0		1	4:56
Taryn	Lindbeck	TKO Rhio Bask	Arabian	Completion		20.0		2	7:49
Doug	VanderWoude	Yo Dusty	Grade	Pulled		0.0	dnf		

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	Half Arabian	Completion		22.0		1	5:03
Becke	Grams	LW Classic Diamond	Arabian	Completion	625	20.0		2	5:53
Kathleen	Niedzielski	HD Indy	Arabian	Completion	656	18.0		3	5:55
Stephanie	Murray	Sparta	Half Arabian	Completion	676	18.0		3	5:55
Bettina	Koehn	JBK Nadja	Half Arabian	Completion		14.0		5	6:28
Joyce	Mocilan	Psyreal	Arabian	Completion		12.0		6	6:28
Lauriel	Hensche	Ebony's Bravo Moon	Other	Completion		10.0		C	7:49
Julia	Newton	Lucca	Other	Completion		10.0		C	7:24
Crystal	Payment	KJ Sterling Psylver	Arabian	Completion		10.0		C	7:24
Joelle	Verhagen	JBK Zum Bayou	Arabian	Completion		10.0		C	6:28
Lisa	Docter	HS Kiger anielle	Mustang	Pulled		0.0	dnf		
Andre	Redman	Lu-Nor Nykabey	Arabian	Pulled		0.0	dnf		

Limited Endurance

Ride Date: 9/24/2016

Distance 25

Senior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Karen	Bahrman	Prada SF	Arabian	Completion	760	11.0		1	2:46
Kayla	Shope	Lu-Nor Tornado	Arabian	Completion		10.0		2	3:16
Erin	Anderson	Frost	Grade	Completion		9.0		3	3:19
Kelsey	Shope	Dreamer	Arabian	Completion		8.0		4	3:21

Pine Marten Run

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Jeanne	Aslakson	Quincey QT	Half Arabian	Completion	383	11.0		1	

Limited Endurance

Distance 25

Senior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Karen	Bahrman	Prada SF	Arabian	Completion	770	11.0		1	2:48
Angel	Chmurynski	Yankee Zarr	Arabian	Completion	10.0			2	2:49
Becke	Grams	Bear's Northern Light	Half Arabian	Completion	9.0			3	2:55

Michigan Horse Council News

Hello, all!

Hope everyone had a fun ride season, I know I did, and I can't wait 'til spring!

MHC has created, in cooperation with the Michigan DNR, a Public Service Announcement. It is focused on driver safety when approaching horses on trails, or where trails cross roads. It is well done and will be aired on Public Television and Secretary of State offices, as well as the MHC website, YouTube, and MHC Facebook page. They hope to create more of these PSAs in the future. I asked about one that focuses on driver safety when approaching horses on public roads. I know I have to do a great deal of road riding to condition, and the attitude of some drivers out there is dangerous, whether from ignorance of horses or just plain lack of consideration for the safety of themselves and others on the road.

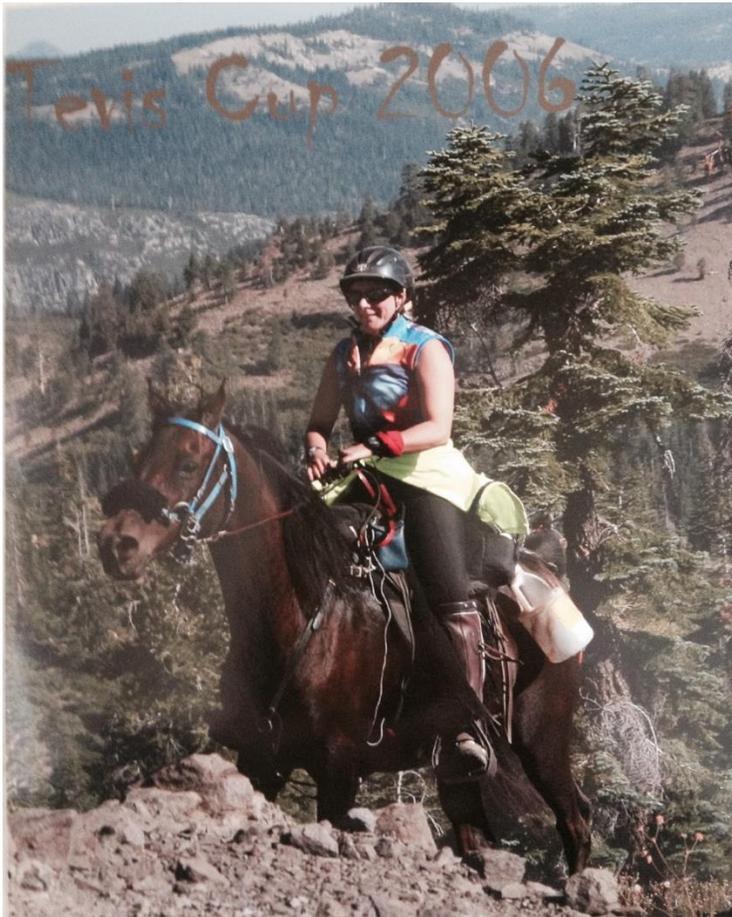
MHC wants all member groups to know that there is quite a bit of money available for grants for trail improvements, should any group want to tackle any trails that they ride and need work done to them.

They continue to have quality speakers at the meetings. The October meeting had a young man from Detroit speak. David Silver, a 26 year old teacher, grew up in the east competing in 3 day eventing. He teaches at an inner city Detroit school, and founded Detroit Horse Power, a week long camp for inner city kids to learn about horses and basics of riding. Started in 2015, his first 2 camps had 18 youth, this year had 6 camps with 80 youth, and he figures his numbers will double next year. Right now he uses donated time from local equestrian centers in the area, but plans to repurpose 20 acres of inner Detroit acreage for an equestrian center. Just a really neat story from a very dedicated and enterprising young man who wants to help Detroit's youth.

That's about all I have for now from the MHC. I wish all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and see you at the banquet!

Andy Redman, MHC Rep





This comes with a heavy heart to say that Hall of Fame Horse Synerator "Bud" crossed the rainbow on November 26, 2016. Bud was a part of our family for almost 30 years. My parents, husband and I were so excited to see him born on the farm. He touched so many hearts and will be greatly missed. Neither one of us liked showing, so his career was long and successful in distance riding. I don't know how he did it, but he had the perfect pace for CTR. I know he drove those back at camp nuts from his loud deep voice when separated from his buddy, sorry about that. At home he was always very vocal especially when he was hungry or when he wanted my feedback. He was a trooper while traveling throughout the country and loved being on the trail going somewhere. He not only took care of me but others while around him or on his back, especially if they were kids or adults that were riding for their first time. They would want to trot, so he would until they started to get off balance and then he slowed down and shifted his weight to keep them atop. My mom told me she lost her balance and fell under him one time, so he just stretched out to give her room to get up. He tolerated being a police horse but made it clear to me that it wasn't for him. I called him Uncle Bud and told him to be a good role model for Kulta. He did a great job

because Kulta is turning out to be a great horse like Bud. These last few years he would slowly lean into me for my touch and not leave me alone. Block my car so I wouldn't leave. I could tell he was telling me to cherish this time because it won't last long. My husband and I were there for him during his final hours. That's what he wanted. Barb Kurti

Next is our Spring Newsletter, look for it in your mailbox by March. 30th.

In the Spring Issue, the highlights will be 2017 Ride Season Schedule, and highlights from the Awards Banquet.

We are always looking for articles and news of interest, please have your information submitted no later than, March 12th to Cathy Cook, ccook@cftami.com or 1249 Maple Grove, Carsonville, MI 48419

RIDE PHOTOS for Metro Park Express photos on Flickr. Here is the link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/57064584@N05/albums>

**Great Lakes Distance Riding Association
2016 Membership Application**

Membership includes: quarterly newsletters, eligibility for year-end points and awards programs, horse & personal mileage tracking.

Individual \$20___ Family* \$30___ Junior (not 18 as of Jan. 1) \$10___ Lifetime Individual \$200___

*Family is up to 2 adults in same household and children <18 as of Jan. 1

Check box to the left of any item you do NOT want listed in our membership directory – otherwise it will be listed:

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email: _____

Please mail completed application with payment (payable to GLDRA) to:

Shannon Weston, 4000 Crandall Road, Howell, MI 48855

Newsletters and ride flyers are posted on our website (www.gldrami.org), newsletters are also distributed electronically in PDF format.

If you need paper copies of our ride flyers mailed to you, please check this box and add \$10 to above fees.

Application for Personal and/or Horse Distance Awards Programs (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 # _____

Please make check/money order payable to GLDRA

Date: _____

TOTAL \$ _____

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