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.
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 can 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

Next is our Summer Newsletter look for it by June 30th.

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 13th to Cathy Cook,
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____

*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:

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

Shannon Weston, 4000 Crandall Road, Howell, MI 48855

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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: ___

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Breed registration #: ___________________________ AERC #: ____________________

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<td>Pete Wierengo</td>
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<td>Shelley Dake - Secretary</td>
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<td><strong>AHAM – Augusta</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Grand Island North</strong></td>
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<td>Sun LD 25, C-25</td>
<td>Becke Grams</td>
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<td>Oct. 10,11</td>
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<td>Sun LD 30, C-30, 15N/15Intro</td>
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