



Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Hoof Beats Newsletter

SPRING 2020

Letter from the President

It's hard to believe it's 2020! I'm sure most of you are busy planning your riding schedule and getting those early conditioning rides in. It's been a mild winter, so hopefully you've all had a chance to get out and ride.

As your new president I want to make it clear that I did not seek this title, but accepted the position because I care about this sport. I'm sure hoping that some other members will be dedicated enough to pursue this position when it next comes up for election. (2022 season). We need some new folks to become involved in our leadership. Please keep this in mind, you must be present at the annual meeting to be elected, so please plan to attend in the future and become more involved in the governance of your sport.

As we look forward to the 2020 season, I think the most important thing we can all do is share our enthusiasm for our sport. For after all, without riders there is no "sport". It takes lots of competitors to make a sport run. So, talk to horse people you meet and share how great this sport is. The more the merrier.

We had a fun awards banquet, for those just starting this sport there are pictures of the awardees and their awards spread throughout the March newsletter. The pictures were only of those who offered to have their picture taken, by no means all of those who received awards for the 2019 season. It's not "all" about awards but it's a nice reward after putting the work in all season.

Happy Trails

Lisa



2019 Season Awards



NEW - we are looking for stories and photos for the "Tales from the Trail" section of the webpage. Please send old and new stories/photos to gldraorg@gmail.com

NEW - If you are new to the sport and want to learn how Endurance works without a lot of stress check out the "Endurance Clinic" on May 30th 2020

NEW - Shore to Shore is back, keep reading to find out more!

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association - 2020 Schedule - www.gldrami.org

April 18, 19	Brighton Ride - CANCELED	Lisa Germann 6529 Milan Oakville Rd Milan, MI 48160 blueskyfarm1g@comcast.net	(734) 748-0425 (cell) (734) 439-5616 Sandra Wright (734) 649-6165
May 2, 3	White River Spring Sat E 50, LD 25, C 25, Intro Ride Sun E 50, LD 25, C - 25	Pete Wierengo 4345 N. Warner Avenue Hesperia, MI 49421 wrrtec@aol.com	(231) 854-0092
May 23, 24	Grand Island Sat E 50, LD 25, C-25, Novice 15 Sun LD 25, C- 25	Kathy Macki P.O. Box 48 Rapid River, MI 49878 k_macki@yahoo.com	(906) 280-3235
June 13, 14	White River Summer Sat E 50, LD 25, C 25, Intro Ride Sun E 50, LD 25, C - 25	Pete Wierengo 4345 N. Warner Avenue Hesperia, MI 49421 wrrtec@aol.com	(231) 854-0092
June 20, 21	Grand Island North Sat E 55, LD 30, C-30 Sun LD 30, C-30	Karen Bahrman E. 1780 M-94 Skandia, MI 49885 kbahrman@gmail.com	(906) 439-5745 (906) 202-0789 (cell)
July 11, 12	AHAM at Hopkins Creek Sat E 50, LD 25, C 25 Sun LD 25, C 25	Gene Dake 9877 State Route 12 West Findlay, OH 45840 dedake6196@gmail.com	(269) 979-9472
July 24, 25, 26	Shore to Shore South Branch Pioneer Ride Fri E 55, LD 25, C 25 Sat E 50, LD 25, C 25 Sun E 50, LD 25, C 25	Diane Meinders 16141 88th Avenue Coopersville, MI 49404 Diane.meinders@trace3.com	Diane Meinders (616) 706-6478
Aug. 7, 8, 9	Metro Park Express Friday 9-Mile Intro Ride Sat E 50, AHA Region 13 Champ. 50 E LD 30, C 30 Sun E 50, LD 30, Open C 30, AHA Region 13 Championship C 30	Mindy Nagy 10776 Lima Center Road Manchester, MI 48158 melindasmymers@gmail.com	(734) 645-4278
Sept. 5, 6, 7	White River Labor Day Pioneer Ride Sat E 55, LD 25, C 25, Intro Ride Sun E 75, 50, LD 25, C 25 Mon E 50, LD 25, C 25	Pete Wierengo 4345 N. Warner Avenue Hesperia, MI 49421 wrrtec@aol.com	(231) 854-0092
Sept. 12, 13	Keweenaw - Marquette 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 kih84@hotmail.com	sunnyville@hotmail.com
Sept. 26, 27	Pine Marten Run Sat E 50, LD 25, C 25 Sun LD 25, C 25	Karen Bahrman E 1780 M-94 Skandia, MI 49885 kbahrman@gmail.com	(906) 439-5745 (906) 202-0789 (cell)
Oct. 10, 11	Oak Leaf Run Sat E 75, 50, LD 30, (Evening LD 25), C 50, 30 15N/15Intro Sun LD 30, C 30, 15N/15Intro	Barb Kurti 319 Quincy St. SW Grandville, MI 49418 silverheartsfarm@yahoo.com	(616) 460-8041

GREAT LAKES DISTANCE RIDING ASSOCIATION

November 7, 2019 Minutes (Approved)

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Carl Dosmann.

In attendance was Carl Dosmann, Lisa Germann, Kathy Macki, Bruce Birr, Linda Hamrick, Karen Bahrman, Barb Kurti, Shannon Weston, Corey Kaminski, Gene Dake and Andy Redman.

The minutes from the last meeting were sent out via e-mail/Mail Chimp prior to the meeting. Karen motioned to accept the minutes as submitted, Andy seconded. The minutes were approved.

Bruce presented his treasurer's report. Carl asked about the Haymeadow project donations and Karen gave a short explanation on the costs and donations. Karen motioned to accept Bruce's report as presented, Andy seconded. The report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Carl reported that Corey Kaminski is now the newsletter editor and Mindy Nagy is doing the website.

He also stated that he had talked to Louise Northrup and she told him that the awards job was too much for her and she was going to bow out.

Lastly, as to publishing the directory, he stated that there was no feedback on it being published and that we will now publish it every two years (next publication would be 2021).

There was no veterinarian report.

Andy gave a short report regarding MHC. She said there wasn't much to report but that she did go to the Equine Legislative Day. She said it was very interesting, the vendors were great and she would go again.

There were no reports from the Finance Committee or Rider Reps.

Kathy stated that she is working on year-end stuff.

As to the newsletter, Corey stated that it is coming along. He stated that there is a lack of content besides ride results and standings and would like to see some articles and stories submitted. Kathy noted that the HoF nominations for both horse and person needed to be in the December newsletter.

There was no report from the Grievance Committee.

Lisa gave a report on the progress of our awards. She stated that she thought we should buy the digitized logo from the embroiderer that Louise used. She stated that they wanted \$75.00 for it. She also stated that she would use them for awards but that if she did, everything would have to be shipped and that would add to the cost of our awards (probably more than getting a new logo done). She also stated that she thinks we need to keep a copy of the digitized logo somewhere other than the embroiderer shop that we use.

Bruce made a motion to buy the file from Louise's embroiderer. This led to some discussion with Carl stating that he had Vector artwork of our logo that he would send to Lisa so she can

take it to her embroiderer and get a new one done. It was also brought up that we had approved \$150.00 (not positive on that figure) to get it done and apparently, that was never done as far as we know. Carl would like Lisa to take the Vector art to her embroidery people and see how much to get a new one done. She stated she would go Saturday 11/9/19 and get the information on price and the executive board could meet and decide if we wanted to go forward.

At this point, we ran out of minutes for the conference call and Bruce was not at home so was unable to call in and add more time. It was decided that we would have a second conference call to finish up the meeting on Thursday November 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting temporarily adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

ROUND II

The meeting was called to order by President Carl Dosmann at 7:09 p.m.

In attendance was Carl, Lisa, Kathy, Bruce, Linda H., Diane Meinders, Gene Dake, Andy Redman and Shannon Weston.

The meeting was picked up where we left off and there were no reports for membership, promotions or webpage.

Old Business:

Awards – Lisa stated she would like to see some qualifications added to the Merrylegs Award. She suggested at least two rides a season per horse (GLDRA rides) to be eligible but that all juniors attending the banquet could vote. Some discussion followed without any real resolution. It was decided that there would be no award this year as there were so few junior participants.

Lisa proposed we only offer it if a horse does two rides or more in a season and that all juniors can vote whether they rode or not. Diane seconded and this passed.

As a side note, this is a donated award and has been being purchased by Donnie and Linda Hamrick for quite a few years now.

We also discussed the Half Arabian award and decided that this would be discontinued. Lisa proposed we retire this award. She stated that we haven't gotten reimbursed the last three years (it is supposed to be paid for by the Half Arabian Association upon submittal of receipts). Kathy seconded and it was decided that the award no longer be offered.

Insurance – Shelley will take care of this as soon as she gets the completed ride schedule. She needs the number of days and any additional insured in order to proceed.

Saddle Up Magazine – Diane stated she will keep trying to work on this.

New Business:

We went over the schedule and appropriate changes were made. There was some things that needed to be resolved and Carl stated that he would do a conference call between the RMs and anyone else that wished to be on it to see if we could resolve some date issues.

There was some discussion on a new venue for the banquet and we did a little comparing on a couple of the ones that Corey had gotten information from. One of those was the Comfort Inn in

Mt. Pleasant and the other was in Midland (can't remember the name). Andy stated the Midland one was pretty ritzy and guessed the pricing would be high. She offered to check it out as she lived fairly close if we needed it done quickly.

Diane offered to check out the Comfort Inn. Carl suggested going to Mt. Pleasant with a group from our banquet in February and checking it out for the 2021 banquet.

Bruce then made a motion to approve the contract with the Doherty for this year and then let the executive board work out the detail for a one-day format. Linda seconded and this was approved.

Carl mentioned that Rae would give a talk on joint supplements if we had time to incorporate it into our banquet schedule.

Linda suggested just getting the buffet offered by the Doherty instead of having our own as this might be cheaper. Bruce will check into this option.

Our next meeting will be February 8, 2020, time to be determined.

Andy motioned to adjourn, Lisa seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Macki

Secretary

Michigan Horse Council News

www.michiganhorsecouncil.com

Hello, GLDRA members!

Nothing really to report from Michigan Horse Council. I was unable to attend the Expo as I, Bryan, the horses, and the cat are wintering out in Arizona. But I understand the Expo was really good, with many fine demonstrators and of course, my personal weakness, the exceptional vendors present.

Remember MHC has lots of grant money available for equine trail or equine camping repairs, so if you have a campground or trail that needs a facelift, keep MHC in mind!

And everyone stay safe. If we lose a couple of rides to Covid-19, that's better than losing any of us. I was all set and pre entered to go to Old Pueblo ride here in Arizona this weekend and I've canceled. If we all observe the recommendations, the sooner we will get back to our rides that we love to do!

Happy Trails from dry, sunny, terrifying free range cattle and creepy rattlesnake infested Arizona!
Andy Redman
MHC representative



Pete Wierengo with the Ride Management of the Year Award for the White River Rides



Jan Wylie and her Reserve Champion Restricted Distance Competitive Awards

MICHIGAN EXPO UPDATE:

We had 14 members pay their dues/sign-up as new members!

Thank you to members renewing for this year! We appreciate your support, and look forward to seeing you at a ride!

Welcome to the new members, and we look forward to seeing you also!

New members for 2020:

Shelley Steedman
Barbara Krueger
Chelsea Taylor
Liz Grastor
Shae Maming
Jennifer Aloft
Carolyn Goochly
Kate Tees
Thomas Babcock
Carmen Dahlhoff
Amber Jensen
Victoria Nowak
Karen Frisell
Kelly Keller

New members please contact myself or any of the mentors if you need additional help/questions!
-Diane Meinders 616-706-6478

The EXPO was a good event! Friday and Saturday had good attendance. Thinking Sunday most people stayed outside to enjoy the day, instead of attending the EXPO!

Thanks to the volunteers, I know it was a hard weekend to give-up riding with the weather being so nice!

Equine Trails Subcommittee News

The Equine Trails Subcommittee members were invited to a workshop and to hold our first meeting of 2020 at the DNR's RAM center this past weekend. We spoke with independent consultants who will be helping the DNR put together their comprehensive 5 year trails plan. In attendance were the other subcommittees which represent snowmobile, ORV, non-motorized trail users and whose representatives make up the MTAC committee. We were able to talk with the other user groups and sit in on their meetings to learn of their successes and challenges.

Since 2017, when ETS became more organized about asking our DNR equestrian trail groups to keep track of your volunteer hours and donations, we have tallied over \$1.4 million dollars and this number is conservative due to some groups not reporting their hours during this time. This is a very significant donation to Michigan's trails and I want to thank each and every one of you for your hard work. This number really made an impression on the DNR and the other user groups. With that, the DNR has budgeted \$200,000 – \$300,000 in capital improvements to equestrian camps and trails for 2020. Ron Olson, chief of DNR, was at the workshop and sat in on all the user groups meetings. He assured us these improvements are meant to help buoy and promote equestrian camping and absolutely not to take the camps away and give them to non-equestrians. And if the 2021 proposed non-equestrian “day of use” camping does go through and is found to negatively affect equestrian camping, policy can be changed to help equestrian camping remain viable. Also mentioned is that this is mainly a concern during the summer months when non-equestrians flock to camping but horse camps sit empty due to high temperatures and insects (in DNR's view), so spring and fall horse-only camping may also be an option. Dick pointed out that northern campgrounds are more desirable for equestrians during the summer due to cooler temperatures, so this should be taken into consideration also. “Day of use” camping refers to drive in, non-equestrian, not reservable camping and if this change takes place, unit supervisors would be directed to do their best to place non-equestrian “day of use” campers as far away from equestrian campers as possible.

What this means is we need to use our equestrian campgrounds, so camp more this year, use it as an excuse. If a campground has reservable sites, we highly recommend that you take advantage of that and reserve your campsites this year. More of our equestrian campgrounds are being looked at to move to the reservation system because of the proposed changes. As a reminder, all campgrounds will remain managed as they have been for 2020. 2021 is when the changes are proposed for, but we will be meeting with the DNR again in the Fall to go over concerns. Look for the DNR's survey on equestrian camping this year also, we'll be sure to send it out as soon as we get it. And please be sure to let the ETS reps know of conflicts, past, present and future, between equestrian and non-equestrian campers.

ETS is working with the DNR on projects aimed at promoting equestrian camping in Michigan. The Michigan Horse Trails Directory was created to help promote horse trail riding and camping in Michigan, please use and share widely, michiganhorsetrails.com. And please join us on the facebook group if you have not, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/michiganhorsetrailsdirectory/>. A sister project to the directory, as many of you know because we asked for your input, we are working with the DNR is to create more attractive descriptions on the DNR website for our trails and camps so visitors put our trails and camps on their “must do” list and so they will have all the necessary info to have a successful and enjoyable time at our state-owned parks, rec areas and forests. A big part of this project also was making sure the trail groups who help to maintain these areas got the credit and promotion they deserve from the DNR, so links back to your website or facebook pages will be included in the descriptions. I want to thank all of you who have helped with this project, who better to describe the trails and camps than those who put the sweat equity into them. We know our trails and camps and all they have to offer better than anyone else. The DNR will edit the descriptions and get them online as soon as they can, right now is their busiest time of the year, but when I hear they are live, I will let you all know. Please be assured, though, that every description I have received has been sent to the DNR.

ETS is also working with the DNR on a non-motorized signage handbook to create consistent directional, trail etiquette and user group signage throughout our state. A motorized handbook is available, and a non-motorized will be coming soon. A trail etiquette media campaign has also spun off of our signage and media work groups, so look to see that coming soon for our multi-use trail users. And one more project we are working on is getting the DNR media folks out to a few of our trail groups events this year to take photos and maybe some video so the DNR and Pure Michigan will have PLENTY of horseback riding photos for their library as we all want to see horses represented in trails media. I have sent trail event calendars for each region to the DNR so they can choose what will work for them. We will definitely keep you updated on this also.

An incredibly reassuring statement we heard on top of the fact that the DNR values our equestrian campgrounds remaining viable for equestrians, is that they are committed to separating and keeping separate mountain bikes and horses on the trails. Fort Custer's past conflicts definitely made an example on the DNR as to the fact that horses and bikes just do not get along on our single-track trails throughout Michigan. Proud Lake is actively working to separate the bike and horse trail system at their park at this time.

Also discussed over the weekend was the lack of funding for our non-motorized trails which is probably our greatest threat right now. Due to a wide spread lack of our next generation stepping up to help maintain and build trails, sustainable, non-motorized trail funding is being sought. The MTAC chair is creating a committee of members from each subcommittee to determine how best to create this sustainable funding for the non-motorized trails in Michigan so we can protect our incredible resource. What we saw at the workshop is we have a very capable and diverse group of trail users devoted to promoting and protecting the trails in Michigan and it was educational to hear the other user groups successes and challenges. We can learn from each other going forward and perhaps even collaborate in some areas. An example of this is the suggestion that grooming equipment already owned by other user groups could be available to help maintain non-motorized trails which have been deeply rutted and are in need of attention.

And finally, I would also like to extend our sincerest thanks to Janet Holmstrom who has served as the ETS U.P. representative for many years. She recently stepped down and we will miss her, but we know she will still be actively advocating for trails in the U.P. and volunteering with MI-TRALE. Karen Bahrman has joined ETS and we wish her a warm welcome and sincere gratitude for agreeing to represent the U.P. With her background in law and years of trail advocacy, we are very excited to have her on board and look forward to helping her get more horse trails and camps designated as such in the U.P. As an fyi, Karen manages two endurance rides in the U.P. on the Pine Marten Run and Grand Island Bay de Noc trails, and is also an endurance competitor.

Thank you everyone for your trail advocacy, any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Amy Scharmen-Burgdolf
Equine Trails Subcommittee
SE Michigan Rep and Chair



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Business Card: \$8.00
Half Page: \$25.00
Quarter Page: \$15.00
Full Page: \$45.00

Checks for all ads must be mailed to Bruce Birr, payable to GLDRA before they will be placed in newsletter.

Send digital ads to Corey at ads@gldrami.org



**Linda Hamrick and her
17,000 Personal
Mileage Award**



**Donnie Hamrick and his
GLDRA Hall of Fame Person
Award**



Carl taking a ride in the wagon at the MSU Expo after receiving Karen's Award on her behalf from the MHC for her work on the Haymeadow Creek project in the Upper Peninsula. (trail rebuild project)



White River Rides



Ride The Edge at Timbers Edge Campground

2020

Hesperia, Michigan

The rides will be held in the Little Manistee National Forest and private land. Come ride in the freshness of the Spring, the warmth of the Summer and the beauty of changing colors in the Fall. On trails, two-tracks and dirt roads. Come early/stay late - horse camping available! **Come enjoy the new trails, we are working on more!**

SPRING

May 2-3, 2020

Vet-in: May 1 late afternoon

Early entry deadline: Apr. 24, 2020

SUMMER

June 13-14, 2020

Vet-in: June 12 late afternoon

Early entry deadline: June 5, 2020

LABOR DAY*

September 5 - 7, 2020

Vet-in: September 4 late afternoon

Early entry deadline: Aug. 28, 2020

**Three prepaid entries required for
100 mile END, deadline August 9*

Head Vet/Judge's decision is final. All rides will conform to UMECRA, AERC, IAHA, OAATS and APHC standards. Negative Coggins test is required.

SPRING RIDE:

May 2, Saturday: 25 LD, 50 Endurance, 25 mile Competitive, 35* mile Competitive, AERC Introductory Ride

May 3, Sunday: 25 LD, 50 Endurance, 25 mile Competitive

**35 mile Competitive must have at least 3 entries*

SUMMER RIDE:

June 13, Saturday: 25 LD, 50 Endurance, 25 mile Competitive, 35* mile Competitive, AERC Introductory Ride

June 14, Sunday: 25 LD, 50 Endurance, 25 mile Competitive

**35 mile Competitive must have at least 3 entries*

LABOR DAY PIONEER RIDE:

Sept 5, Saturday: 25 LD, 55 Endurance, 25 mile Competitive, 35* mile Competitive, AERC Introductory Ride

Sept 6, Sunday: 25 LD, 50 Endurance, 100[†] mile endurance, 25 mile Competitive, 35* mile Competitive

Sept 7, Monday: 25 LD, 50 Endurance, 25 mile Competitive

*†Three prepaid entries required by Aug 9 *35 mile Competitive must have at least 3 entries*

2020 SEASONAL HIGH MILEAGE AWARD:

Prize awarded for the Equine Team with the most miles. (A team is combination of 1 horse and 1 rider.) Total of all completed mileage in Intro, Limited Distance, Endurance and Competitive Trail throughout the 2020 season.

POTLUCK:

We will be having a potluck dinner during Saturday awards ceremonies between 6 and 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass, meat dish will be provided. Awards on Sunday of Labor Day ride about 6:30, no potluck.

FEES:

Juniors - All distances	\$25.00 per ride
100 [†] mile endurance (3 prepaid adult entries required)...	\$130.00 per ride
55 mile endurance	\$80.00 per ride
50 mile endurance	\$80.00 per ride
25 mile limited distance endurance.....	\$60.00 per ride
25 mile competitive.....	\$60.00 per ride
35* mile competitive (3 entries required)	\$70.00 per ride
Introductory Ride	\$25.00 prepaid

**White River
Rides****2020****NOTES:**

- **If using pens/corrals - horses are limited two per pen, preferably one - no exceptions**
- All junior riders are required to wear a helmet, everyone else should - if you need one ask
- Non AERC members will pay a \$15 surcharge per Endurance or Limited Distance ride in addition to above entry fees
- \$5 additional charge for late entries (after early entry deadline)
- Introductory ride participants must register and prepay in advance, please contact:
Becke at beckeg@aol.com for more information
- *†There must be at least three prepaid entries by Aug. 9 for the 100 mile ride.*
- **There must be at least three entries for each 35 mile Competitive to be held, 25 mile available every day*

SEND/MAIL ENTRIES AND FEES PAYABLE TO:

Timber's Edge Campground
4345 N. Warner Ave.
Hesperia, MI 49421-9228

For ride information contact: Becky Grams or Email: beckeg@aol.com

For camping contact: Pete Wierengo at 231-854-0092 or Email <new> wrrtec@aol.com

RIDE LOCATION:

Do not use GPS for this location, as it WILL NOT get you there - it will get you stuck in mud on a seasonal road

- From the West: at the M-20 and M-120 intersection in Hesperia, go east on M-20 approximately 2.75 miles to Green Ave. Turn North/left on Green, it's the only way you can go...
 - From the East: at M-20 and M-37 intersection (just North of White Cloud), go West on M-20 approximately 10.5 miles to Green Ave. Turn North/right on Green, it's the only way you can go...
- ... Go 4 miles North on Green to 5 Mile Rd. Stay on 5 Mile until it dead-ends at Warner Ave. Turn North/left on Warner Ave. Go approximately 1/4 mile to Timbers Edge Campground on the West/left side.

CAMPING:

There is a camping fee - Timbers Edge Campground, call Pete for reservations and pricing 231-854-0092. Primitive and electric sites, showers, playground, horse-shoe pits and three acre lake with beach area.

All dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times, please don't bring to potluck

HORSES ARE LIMITED TO 1 OR 2 PER PEN/CORRAL - NO EXCEPTIONS

GRAND ISLAND RIDE

MAY 23 & 24, 2020
43rd Annual

Come travel the Bay de Noc Grand Island trail in the beautiful Hiawatha National Forest, a trail rider's paradise, which stretches from Lake Michigan to Lake Superior. The trail is used exclusively for horseback riders and hikers and is maintained by the U.S. Forest Service. Enjoy the luxury of wooded single and two-track trails with little to no road riding.

SATURDAY MAY 23

50-Mile Endurance*	\$80.00 Senior, \$40.00 Junior
25-Mile L.D.*	\$60.00 Senior, \$30.00 Junior
25-Mile Comp.	\$55.00 Senior, \$25.00 Junior

SUNDAY MAY 24

25-Mile L.D.*	\$60.00 Senior, \$30.00 Junior
25-Mile Comp.	\$55.00 Senior, \$25.00 Junior

Start times to be announced but normally a.m. starts

*** non-aerc members add \$15.00**

Sanctioned by AERC & UMECRA. Negative coggins required. Juniors must wear helmets. Dogs must be leashed. Saturday night potluck, main dish will be provided, bring a dish to pass, followed by awards.

Send Entries to: Kathy Macki, P.O. Box 48, Rapid River, MI 49878. For information contact Kathy at (906) 280-3235, k_macki@yahoo.com or Kristen Mikula at mikula.kristen@gmail.com

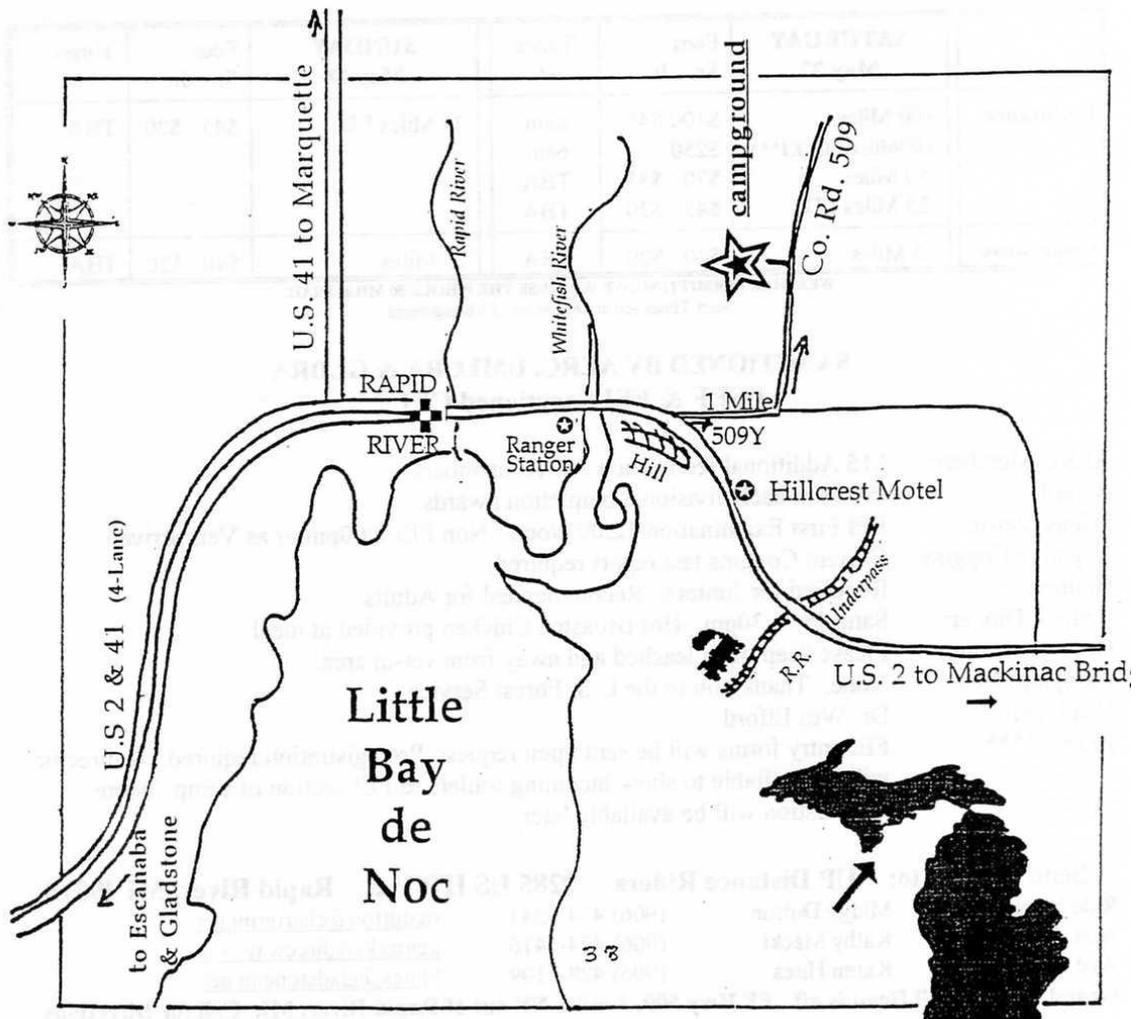
**** Watch for Signs ****

>>From Wisconsin>>

go approximately 1-1/2 miles east of Rapid River, turn left at very top of hill, County Road 509. Go 1 mile, turn left (same Co. Road) go one more mile, campground is on the left.

>>From Lower Michigan>>

Come west on US 2, 1/2 mile past Hillcrest Motel (on your right) you turn right at very top of hill on County Road 509. Go 1 mile, turn left (same Co. Road) go 1 more mile, campground is on the left.





Endurance Clinic

May 30, 2020

Waterloo DNR Equestrian Campground
Chelsea, MI

Have you been interested in trying endurance but don't know where to start?
Come to GLDRA's Endurance clinic and get all your questions answered!
Bring your horse and do a mock ride to really get the feel of things!

Schedule of Events

8:00am – 11:00am.....Lecture, Q&A on Competitive Trail and Endurance
11:00am – 12:00pm.....Vet check demo
12:00pm – 1:30pm.....Lunch (We feed you!!)
1:30pm – 2:30pm“Vet in” for Mock ride*
2:00pm – 6:00pmMock ride time
6:00pm – 8:00pm.....Mingle, sit around campfire, ask more questions!

*We will not have a veterinarian on site for the mock ride. One of the clinicians will mimic what the vets do at the vet checks. Owners are responsible for the welfare of their horse.

RSVP

Please email melindasmeyers@gmail.com to reserve your spot for the clinic.

Cost

Free! But please consider making a donation. Suggested donation is \$25/participant or whatever you can afford! Members of GLDRA are putting on this clinic and costs associated are coming out of their pockets. Any extra donations after expenses will be given to Waterloo Horseman's Association who maintain the trails we will be using and to GLDRA for future clinics.

Camping

Camping is available at the Waterloo Equestrian Campground. Campsites are first come first serve. The campsites are rustic with poles provided for picketing. Solar powered water pump is available to fill horse buckets. There is also camping available at Farmlane (<http://farmlanecampground.com>) which is not far from the DNR campground. The sites at Farmlane are reservable and some have electric and corals. Camping is not required but it's a good time to practice if you haven't camped with your horse before.

Directions

I-94 to Exit 153 (Clear Lake Road), Head North on Clear Lake Road for about four miles, Turn Right on Loveland Road, Loveland will bend 90 degrees to the right then become a dirt road. Continue down that dirt road, camp and staging area will be on the left after the entrance to Sugarloaf Campground (Sugarloaf is a regular human campground...be sure to go the Equestrian Campground)

Questions? Email Mindy at melindasmeyers@gmail.com or Shannon at westonwood@comcast.net

8th ANNUAL GRAND ISLAND

NORTH



Saturday

June 20, 2020

55 mile Endurance

30 mile Endurance

30 mile Competitive

Sunday

June 21, 2020

30 mile Endurance

30 mile Competitive

AERC, UMECRA, GLDRA, and AHA Sanctioned

If you haven't ridden the 100-miler at the Grand Island Ride on Memorial weekend, then you haven't seen the rest of the Grand Island trail; Grand Island North will take you on that journey. The course consists of two separate 30 mile routes and all checks are at different "out" locations; the second of three checks for the 55 milers, however, is a mandatory hold as opposed to a vet check. Ride management will haul your stuff to the vet checks, provide water on the trail and hay/water at the 55 milers' middle check.

Ride camp is again the Boy Scouts of America Camp Hiawatha, which is situated on a nice lake and has flush toilets and showers. Camping fees are \$15.00 per rig per night with extra nights limited to Thursday and Sunday. The first driveway leads to our main camping area, where you should take only as much room as you absolutely need and camp as close to each other as possible. If there is a "full" sign at the first driveway, proceed to the second for overflow parking. Pink-tipped stakes will identify where rigs may park at both locations (they're not meant to delineate particular sites, just areas where its OK to park, to include the driveways and yards of numerous cabins), and you should not proceed past turnaround signs without advance scouting as you may arrive at a dead end. Furnished cabins (BYO bedding) with sink/stove/fridge are available to rent for \$30.00 a night, which includes parking for one rig; contact ride management if interested. Clean up is required, wheelbarrows are provided.

Join us for a Saturday night potluck where ride management will provide fresh Lake Superior whitefish prepared on site, but **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE BOY SCOUTS DO NOT PERMIT EITHER ALCOHOL OR TOBACCO ON THEIR PREMISES**, and if you bring more than one non-rider to the potluck a donation of \$5.00 per adult would be appropriate.

SCHEDULE AND FEES

Saturday, June 20, 2020

55 Endurance	\$85 SR *	Juniors ride FREE, thanks to a donation from Dr. Leah Reid!
30 Endurance	\$65 SR *	
30 Competitive	\$55 SR	

Sunday, June 21, 2020

30 Endurance	\$65 SR *
30 Competitive	\$55 SR

START TIMES: as soon as possible after dawn given the weather, number of entries, etc.

AWARDS: Completions, firsts and placings in all divisions, B.C.s in endurance

Ride Manager:
Karen Bahrman
E1780 M-94, Skandia, MI 49885
(906) 439-5745
kbahrman@gmail.com

Head Veterinarian: Dr. Rae Mayer-Birr
Co-Manager: Kathy Macki
*Non AERC members additional \$15 fee

AHAM/HOPKINS CREEK RIDE

July 11 & 12, 2020

Manton, MI

AERC Sanctioned

25- and 50-Mile <u>ENDURANCE</u>		25-Mile <u>COMPETITIVE</u>	
<u>Saturday</u> , July 11, 2020		<u>Saturday</u> , July 11, 2020	
25-Mile LD Endurance	\$55*	25-Mile Competitive	\$55
50-Mile Endurance	\$80*		
	10-Mile <i>FUN</i>		\$10
		Non-UMECRA Event	
<u>Sunday</u> , July 12, 2020		<u>Sunday</u> , July 12, 2020	
25-Mile LD Endurance	\$55*	25-Mile Competitive	\$55
	10-Mile <i>FUN</i>		\$10

*Additional \$15 for *non-AERC* members (Endurance Only)

Junior Rider fees 50%

JUDGES: Mary Cardeccia, DVM
RIDE MANAGER: Gene Dake
 269.979.9472

RIDE SECRETARY: Shelley Dake
 9877 State Route 12 West
 Findlay, OH 45840

E-mail: dedake6196@gmail.com

Rider Entry Form can be found on the AERC Calendar on their website, aerc.org

RULES: AERC and UMECRA. Endurance will be a gate-into-hold and Competitive will be UMECRA window concept. AERC and UMECRA rules regarding sponsors for juniors will be followed. ALL JUNIORS MUST WEAR HELMETS. Condensed Competitive and Endurance Rules can be found on the Great Lakes Distance Riding Association website, www.gldrami.org (Riding Rules).

All rides are open to any equine. Tentative starting time will be 6:00 a.m. each day; FUN Ride start about 9 a.m.. Vet-in for Saturday rides will be Friday late afternoon/evening; Sunday rides, Saturday late afternoon/evening.

AWARDS: There will be completion awards for each rider. There will be an award for Best Condition in the Endurance and LD Rides. Breed awards as donated; however, registration papers must be presented at check-in to be eligible for breed awards.

RIDE LOCATION: Hopkins Creek Trail Camp, Manton, MI. Directions: From US-131 take Exit 191. Turn East (left) onto M-42. Drive 5 miles to Lucas Road; turn North (left). Drive 5.8 miles (just past the Hopkins Creek Bridge); turn West (left) on sandy road into Hopkins Creek Trail Camp (1.8 miles into camp). NOTE: At first Y, GO STRAIGHT; DO NOT TURN LEFT!

From Lake City (M-55 and M-66 intersection) go North on M-66 2 miles; turn West (left) on M-42. Drive 4.4 miles to Lucas Road; turn North (right) and proceed as above.

TRAIL: Mostly two-track.

CAMP: Horse water available; generator will not run during quiet hours (10 p.m. to 8 a.m.). Camping fee \$6/person/night (group rate) collected with ride entry fee. No camp site reservations available.

All Dogs Must Be Leashed -NO Exceptions!

FOOD: Saturday evening potluck prior to Awards Presentation (main course provided by ride management).

S2S II (Shore to Shore)2020

MTRA Trail -Shore to Shore- USDA Forest Service camp

July 24, 25, and 26 2020

★ ★ NOTE DAYS and DATES! ★ ★

BASE CAMP IS SOUTH BRANCH TRAIL CAMP

ENDURANCE

55 mile on Friday- Pioneer Ride

50 Mile Saturday/Sunday

Fees: \$85/day (Juniors \$40/day)

(non-AERC members add \$15/day)

Discount: Enter all three days 3 (any horse/55/50 mile) and reduce your bill by \$25

LIMITED DISTANCE & COMPETITIVE

25 Miles each day

Fees: \$70/day (Juniors \$35/day)

(LD: non-AERC members add \$15/day)

Discount: Enter all three days and receive 5.00 off per day

General Info and Camp Directions (there is a daily per person camping fee)

All rides will conform to UMECRA and AERC standards. GLDRA.

All horses on site must have a current Coggins. All judges' decisions are final.

Veterinarians: Rae Mayer, DVM (Head Vet) and Brett Hoerr, DVM

Vet-In starts 5 pm on July 23rd

If planning to arrive before the 23rd, please tell ride manager

Mail entries, payable to Diane Meinders 16141 88th Ave, Coopersville, MI 49404

Call Diane at 616-706-6478, or Cassie Green 213-740-5156 or email Diane.meinders@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Limited water will be provided by management at vet checks and at 30-45 miles.

South Branch Trail Camp: From jct. of M-65 and River Road (~23 mi W of Oscoda) go West 4.2 mi to Rollways Road, then North 2.4 mi to camp entrance on right. THIS IS "BASE CAMP" For this Entire ride. We will NOT be moving camps this year!

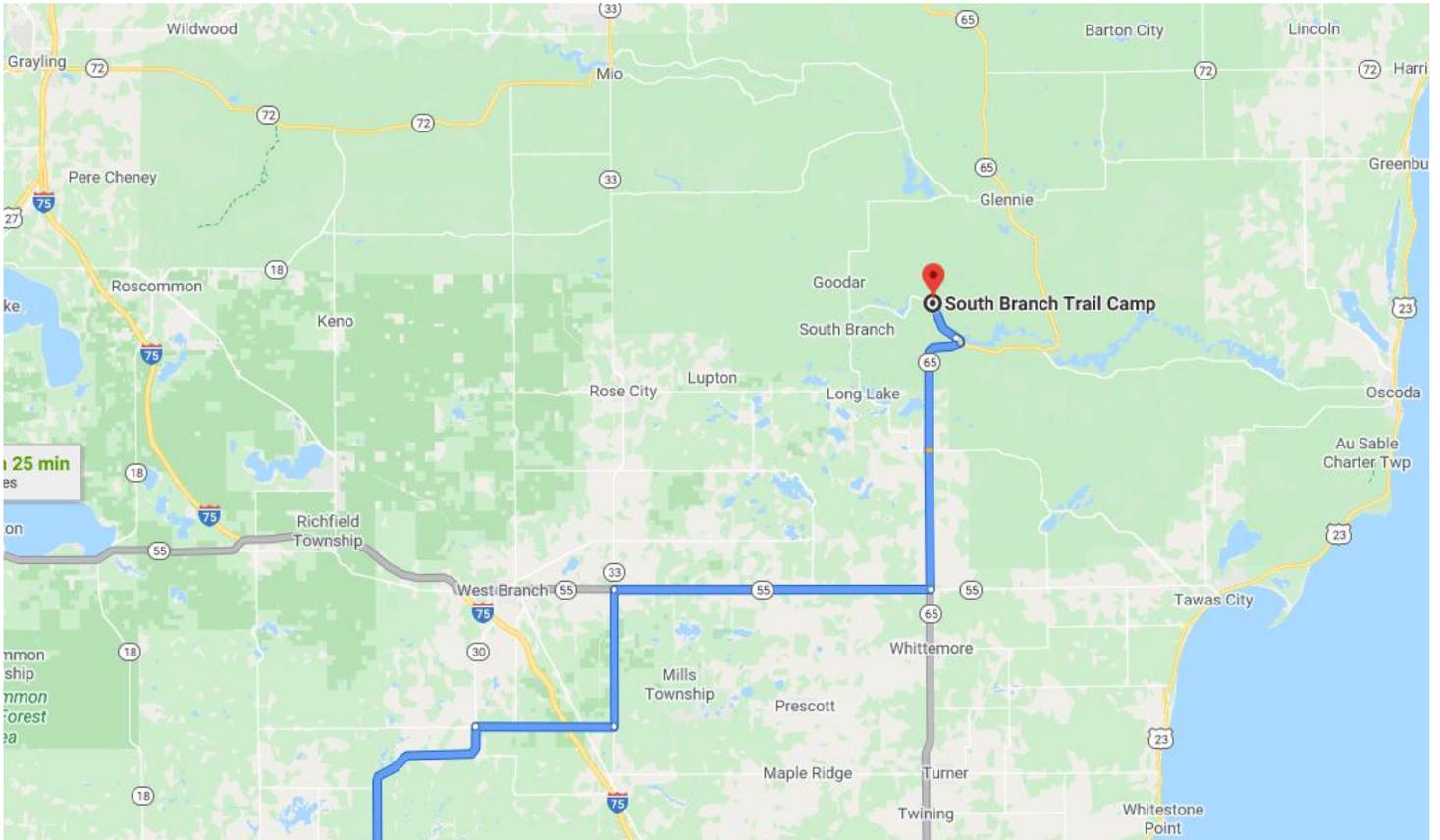
South Branch Trail Camp

Rollway Rd, Hale, MI 48739

It is strongly suggested that you bring 2 or more plastic buckets with good/tight (e.g. screw-on) lids for water transport to vet-checks. Not all vet checks are in camp!

Water in camp with generator.

Note map line below is coming from the west/south., but it gives an idea of the area.





Benefit Ride for Detroit Horse Power AHA Region 13 Championship

August 8-9, 2019

Kensington Metropark Equestrian Campground
~ 920 Martindale Road
Milford, Michigan
GPS: N 42°34.20' W83°37.31'

All proceeds and donations will go to Detroit Horse Power!

Friday, August 7, 2020

9mi AERC Intro Ride (Pizza Lunch Included) (8am start).....\$40 Sr, Donation for Jr entry

Saturday, August 8, 2020

50mi AERC Open END (6am start)..... \$115 *Sr, Donation for Jr entry
50mi END AHA Region 13 Championship (6am start).....\$155 Sr, Donation for **Jr entry
30mi Limited Distance Open (6:30am Start).....\$100 *Sr, Donation for Jr entry
30mi CTR Open (7am Start).....\$100 *Sr, Donation for Jr entry

Sunday, August 9, 2020

50mi AERC Open END (6am Start)..... \$115 *Sr, Donation for Jr entry
30mi Limited Distance (6:30am Start).....\$100*Sr, Donation for Jr entry
30mi CTR AHA Region 13 Championship (7am Start).....\$155 Sr, Donation for **Jr entry
30mi CTR Open (7am Start).....\$100 *Sr, Donation for Jr entry

* Non- AERC members add \$15 to entry fee

** Juniors entering into AHA Championship rides must pay AHA Drug Fee

Pre-entry is preferred by July 31, 2020.

Entries received after July 31 will add \$25 late fee.

Please send entry form, completed waivers and entry fee (paid to Detroit Horse Power) to:

Mindy Nagy (Ride Manager)

10776 Lima Center Road

Manchester, MI 48158

melindasmyers@gmail.com

Sanctioning Bodies

American Endurance Ride Conference (www.aerc.org)

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association (www.gldrmi.org)

Upper Midwest Endurance and Competitive Rides Association (www.umecra.com)

Ohio Arabian & All-Breed Trail Riding Society (www.oaats.org)

Arabian Horse Association (www.arabianhorses.org)

Detroit Horse Power

Detroit Horse Power (DHP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded in 2015 by David Silver, a former Detroit elementary school teacher. DHP opens up opportunities for urban youth in Detroit to connect with learn about/from horses. They learn how to care for them, ride them and in doing so the children learn perseverance, empathy, responsible risk-taking, confidence and self-control.

This program started as a summer camp and has grown into a year-round after school program. Right now the kids are bused to participating barns that volunteer their facilities and horses. Some of these barns are over an hour away! It makes for a long day for the dedicated children. Recently, DHP has acquired land within the city limits of Detroit! The hope is to raise funds for an equestrian facility to be built at this location. Having this facility within the city limits not only utilizes vacant land in Detroit, helping with the city's comeback, it will allow DHP to expand the number of children who can benefit from the programs offered.

This is where all the proceeds from Metropark Express are going this year! We are hoping to write a big check to Detroit Horse Power at the end of the ride. I hope you will join us and if you are able to make a donation on top of your ride entry it will be greatly appreciated! To find out more about Detroit Horse Power go to www.detroithorsepower.org

Trails

You will be riding along the beautiful Huron River and through the forest on trails in Kensington Metropark and Proud Lake Recreation Area. All vet checks are in camp. Road crossings require riders to stop and look for traffic; Milford road crossing has a pedestrian signal that must be utilized for crossing. Hoof protection is recommended. All juniors (under 18) must wear a helmet. Horse water provided along trail. Bridle tag is required for riding on Kensington trails, they are free and do not expire so please bring your tag from previous years. If you don't have a bridle tag see ride management.

Directions to Camp

From Lansing-

I-96 East to exit 155 (Milford Road). Make Left off the exit ramp. Take Milford Road 3.3 miles north and make a left on Dawson Road. Turn Right on Martindale, Group Camp and Staging area is ½ mile on the left.

From Flint-

Us-23 South to exit 67 (M-59 East). Continue on M-59 East for 4.5 miles, turn Right onto S Hickory Ridge Road. Go 4.1 miles, turn Left onto General Motors Road. Go 1.8 Miles turn Right onto Martindale Road. Staging and Group Camp are ½ mile on the right.

From Detroit-

I-96 West to exit 155 (Milford Road). Make Right off the exit ramp. Take Milford Road 3.3 miles north and make a left on Dawson Road. Turn Right on Martindale, Group Camp and Staging area is ½ mile on the left.

Camping and Dinner

Campsites are rustic and located in an open field. Camping fee is \$20/horse for the weekend. No reservation required. Picket posts are limited and located along the edge of the field (first come first serve) and a hand pump for water is centrally located. Electric pens are allowed, no more than 2 horses per pen. Dogs must be leashed at all times. Campsites must be cleaned before departure. Entry fee covers dinner for riders and crews Friday and Saturday.

Competition and Crewing

Negative Coggins within the last 12-months required. Open Endurance and Limited Distance rules can be found at www.aerc.org and Open Competitive rules can be found at www.umecra.com. AHA Championship Endurance and Competitive rules can be found in the AHA handbook <https://www.arabianhorses.org/additional/forms/membership-forms/>

Designated crewing spots will be established; most sites are available by truck, some spots will require a short hike. Some crew spots are within the Metropark, which requires a \$10 day pass to enter. Water and hay is provided at the crew spots within the Metropark.

AERC introductory ride is to educate and acquaint riders and/or equines to the sport of endurance racing. AERC membership is not required for introductory ride. All equines will have a pre and post ride veterinary examination and riders will receive a completion prize.

Prizes

All riders will receive a completion prize. AERC Endurance and Limited Distance rides will have Top Ten, Best Condition and Turtle Award. Competitive Trail Open rides will have Top Six and High Point Award. AHA Championship rides will have Top Five, Best Condition Arabian and Half Arabian for endurance rides; Top Five, High Point Arabian and Half Arabian for Competitive Trail.

Entry

- Pre-entry is preferred by July 31, 2020. Entries received after this date will add \$25 late fee.
- Send entry form, completed waivers and entry fee to:
Mindy Nagy
10776 Lima Center Road
Manchester, MI 48158
- Intro, AERC and CTR OPEN RIDES please fill out the attached "UMECRA Entry Agreement" along with waivers (3 total) required by Kensington Metropark.
- AHA Championship rides please fill out the attached AHA entry form along with waivers (3 total) required by Kensington Metropark.
- If you have a bridle tag from previous years please be sure to bring that and write the number on the appropriate Kensington Metropark waiver.

42TH ANNUAL *KEWEENAW RIDE*

RIDE INFORMATION: OUR RIDE BASE CAMP WILL BE AT THE MARQUETTE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS ON M-553 BETWEEN MARQUETTE AND GWINN.

The trails are beautiful mostly two track or designated horse trails; trails are sand and grass, very limited rock, with a possible small degree of road riding. Vet checks have easy access and we do provide transportation for the rider's supplies to and from the checks. Checks are most likely in camp. It is an easy ride to do without a pit crew. Base camp is an open grassy field with electric hook ups (bring electrical cords), indoor bathrooms and water from a hose. We do have box stall available for a small cost. There is also good cell phone service. We have wonderful trophies and best condition award with an easy going group of people. If you come once you will most likely come back, as this ride is very family friendly. Base camp is about 8.5 miles south of US 41 near Marquette or about 11 miles north of Gwinn. As always there will be a Saturday night potluck. Also on Saturday night is our legendary Be There Raffle! We are always excepting raffle donations.

DIRECTIONS: From the North: US 41 South to M-553 then about 8.5 miles and turn right onto Co Rd Nh to the fair grounds. From the South: US 41 North to Highway 35 North to M-553 North and turn left onto Co Rd Nh to the fair grounds. Take the first road to the right into the fair parking area and our camping area. Watch for signs.

RIDE SCHEDULE:

Saturday, September 12, 2019	50 Mile Endurance Race (~7:00 AM)
	50 Mile Competitive Ride (~7:00 AM)
	25 Mile LD Ride (~7:00 AM)
	25 Mile Competitive Ride (~7:00 AM)
Sunday, September 13, 2019	25 Mile Competitive Ride (~7:00AM)
	25 Mile Limited Distance Endurance (~7:00AM)
	8 to 15 Mile Novice Ride (~7:00AM)

JUNIORS RIDE FOR \$25 WITH PAID ADULT RIDER!

ENTRY FEES		
	50 Endurance Race	Adult \$75.00
	25 Limited Distance	Adult \$55.00
	25 Competitive Ride	Adult \$50.00
	50 Competitive Ride	Adult \$70.00
	Novice Ride	Adult \$35.00

RIDE VET: RAE ANN BIRR

CAMP FEES: Camping fee \$35.00 weekend

For exact ride location, directions and/or questions please call or email any of the following members:

MEMBER	PHONE #	EMAIL
WENDY	906-362-9633	fastsneaker@gmail.com
KAREN	906-370-2950	kjarvi0914@gmail.com
CAROLE	906-370-4753	sunyville@hotmail.com
KATIE	920-497-3062	kdrn98@aol.com

22nd ANNUAL PINE MARTEN RUN



Saturday
September 26, 2020
50 mile Endurance
25 mile Endurance
25 mile Competitive

Sunday
September 27, 2020
25 mile Endurance
25 mile Competitive

AERC, UMECRA, GLDRA and AHA Sanctioned

If beautiful trails are still the reason you love distance riding, then the Pine Marten Run is for you. The course normally consists of a 25 mile loop to be ridden twice by 50-milers, with the middle check in camp and the 1st and 3rd checks at the same location, but ride management reserves the option of taking the 50 milers on 15 & 10 mile loops from the check, so that all of their checks would be at the same “out” location. No pit crews are necessary as the trails take you by numerous pristine lakes and ride management will haul your stuff to the check, which is an easy 6-mile drive from camp.

Camp is adjacent to the Indian River and consists of a rough cut area with some regrowth, so walk ahead of your rig to check for holes and stumps (but hey, the camping is free!). Horse water will be available.

Join us for a Saturday night potluck where ride management will provide fresh pasties made with potatoes grown and beef raised on the Bahrman Potato Farm; if you bring more than one non-rider to the potluck a donation of \$5.00 per adult would be appropriate. For Friday night supper, we recommend the Camel Riders Restaurant or the Buckhorn Tavern, both situated on other nearby lakes (see map).

SCHEDULE AND FEES

Saturday, September 26, 2020

50 Endurance	\$85 SR*	\$40 JR*
25 Endurance	\$65 SR*	\$30 JR*
25 Competitive	\$55 SR	\$25 JR

Sunday, September 27, 2020

25 Endurance	\$65 SR*	\$30 JR*
25 Competitive	\$55 SR	\$25 JR

START TIMES: as soon as possible after dawn given the weather, number of entries, etc.

AWARDS: Completions, firsts and placings in all divisions, B.C.s in endurance

Ride Manager:
Karen Bahrman
E1780 M-94, Skandia, MI 49885
(906) 439-5745
kbahrman@gmail.com

Head Veterinarian: Dr. Rae Mayer-Birr
Co-Manager: Kathy Macki
*Non AERC members additional \$15 fee



20th Oak Leaf Run

“35 Years in Allegan County”

Come ride the “DAM” trail

October 10 & 11, 2020

Silver Creek Park

Hamilton, Michigan

AERC * UMECRA * OAATS * GLDRA

SATURDAY October 10

SUNDAY October 11

100 Miles* "NEW"	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.			
75 Miles* (Elevator)	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.			
50 Miles*	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.	30 Miles LD.*	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.
30 Miles LD.*	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.	30 Miles Comp.	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.
25 Miles LD.*(evening)	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.	15 Mile Novice	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.
50 Miles Comp.	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.	15 Mile Introductory	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.
30 Miles Comp.	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.			
15 Mile Introductory	TBD Sr.	TBD Jr.			

*Non-AERC members add \$15.00 to Endurance and LD Rides

30, 50, 75 and 100 mile routes crosses the DAM ~Saturday only

"NEW" Nutty LD Triple ride challenge - 85 miles in one weekend

CHECK BACK FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION



Vet check: Sites # 47 & 48. Copy of negative Coggins dated within 12 months required.

Riders meeting: Friday at approximately 7:00 pm at the pavilion.

Potluck and Awards: Saturday 6 pm at the pavilion. The main dish-Chili and table service will be furnished by the ride management. Please bring a dish to pass and serving spoon.

Trails: The course will be held on the Allegan County Equine Trail System. The trail is mostly wooded with a relatively flat terrain, technical, single and two tracks consisting of sand and dirt. Saturday dam crossing routes will also have soft gravel roads and sections of pavement. LED marking will be used for the last 25 miles of 100 trail. All out checks will be at Pine Point Park parking lot. Saturday 30 and 50 mile rides will have one away check. 75 and

100 mile rides will have 2-3 away checks. For the 75 and 100 mile rides, ride management will provide lunch, an assortment of hay and grains for the horses and drinks/snacks for riders at the away vet check and points along the trail.

Camping: Reservations can be made with the park up to FIVE DAYS PRIOR online by going to www.allegancounty.org/parks or call (269) 686-9088. After that is a "first come" basis, make payment using yellow envelopes/fee tubes near entrances. Camping fees are \$17/night + reservation & service fees apply when making an online reservation. 75 rustic wooded camping sites with posts for high lines, fire pit and picnic table. No hook-ups. Hand water pumps are available as are vault toilets. Campsites must be clean and raked before departure. Dogs must be on a leash at all times. Pens allowed around picket posts. Equines must be kept away from trees. Failure to obey park rules may be subjected to a fee and/or evicted.

RULES: AERC and UMECRA. Endurance will be a gate-into-hold and Competitive will be UMECRA window concept. *All Juniors MUST wear a helmet.*

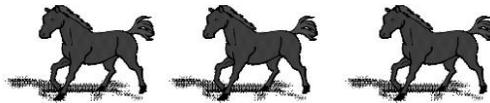
Ride information subject to change.

Send Entries and check payable to:

Barb Kurti 319 Quincy Street SW, Grandville, MI 49418-9692
(616) 460-8041 synerator@aol.com



20th Oak Leaf Run



October 10 & 11, 2020

Location Silver Creek Park is located just east of M-40 at the corner of 134th Avenue and 38th Street. There are two entrances to the park, one the 134th Avenue and on one 38th Street and both are indicated with signs. If you have a large rig, it is advised you use the 38th Street entrance.

Get directions from the Silver Creek Park & Campground website. www.allegancounty.org The street address is 3900 134th Ave, Hamilton, MI 49419

From US-131, exit 68 (142nd Avenue). Proceed west to 38th Street. Go south to the park.

From Chicago I-94 E to I-196 N/ US-31 N (Holland/Grand Rapids) continue 49 miles, Take exit 49 for M-40 toward Allegan, turn right at M-40 S, continue 6.5 miles, turn left at 134th Avenue and continue 3.4 miles. Park will be on the right.

From Ohio/Indiana from I-80 toll road exit 144 to I-69 N, continue north to exit 38 for I-94 W. Continue west to exit 74B for US-131 N toward Grand Rapids. Continue north to exit 68 for Dorr/Moline. Turn left onto 142nd Ave. Go 12.6 miles and turn left at 38th St. Go south 4.5 mile to Park entrance on your right.

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Membership Application
Membership Year _____

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 \$** _____

CONDENSED COMPETITIVE TRAIL RULES*

Horse must be at least 48 months old for rides of 30 miles or less, 60 months old for over 30 miles.

Mares in foal permitted up to sixth month.

Weight divisions with tack: LW--179 lbs. and under, HW--180 lbs. and over. Heavyweight riders must be weighed with tack.

Junior Division --not to be 18 on December 1. JUNIORS MUST WEAR HELMETS. Juniors 12 and under must have a sponsor.

Novice Division -- Can compete as a novice only on 1st or 2nd ride.

P/R Criteria: Pulse -- 68; Respiration -- 68

A rider may ask for one recheck of a p/r. It must be taken immediately, and the rider must accept the second score.

A horse that has been disqualified must return to base camp by trailer unless permitted by the vet to return on foot.

Completion criteria:

- Pulse of 68 within 20 minutes
- Grade 4 lameness--mileage only, Grade 5-disqualification
- Has not required or received medication
- Any medication administered on ride grounds must be under supervision of vet
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The same unit (horse, rider and equipment weight) must be maintained throughout the ride. Entrants must follow the prescribed course, do multiple loops in the correct order, and pass all control points. A competitor who fails to do this should be pulled from placing, but may be allowed a completion. However, if the rider wishes to compete for placing, he must go back to the point of departure and must complete the entire trail in its correct order.

Inhumane treatment of horses may be cause for disqualification.

Horses must not be under the influence of drugs, medications or stimulants.

Unruly or unmannerly horses which are a hazard on the trail or to examine may be disqualified. Horses and riders who have not entered the ride may not accompany official competitors.

It is the rider's responsibility to present himself/herself for p/r's at precisely the time indicated on the time card.

All rides and mounts must be physically present and accounted for at the start of the ride.

Maximum riding speed to average 5.5 to 7 mph.

Any mathematical errors appearing on score sheet must be reported before leaving the grounds.

Riders are required to care for own mounts except having a horse held during a rest break.

If boots, bandages or wraps are used, the horse shall be penalized 5 points per leg.

The horse will be ridden the entire route--no forward motion unless mounted.

Forward motion must be maintained the last two miles.

Natural water only is allowed on the trail. Drinking water only is allowed at rest stops. Horses may be sponged after the final vet check.

No ice, liniments or braces may be used before the final check. No whips will be used in any examination during the ride.

CONDENSED ENDURANCE RULES*

Horse must be at least 60 months old. No mares in foal.

Weight divisions with tack: LW--179 lbs. and under and HW--180 pounds and over. Heavyweight riders must be weighed with tack.

P/R criteria for advancement: Pulse--68. Respiration will be taken and recorded, but will not normally be cause for disqualification.

A rider may ask for one recheck on a p/r. The p/r must be taken immediately and the rider must accept the second score.

A horse that has been disqualified must return to base camp by trailer unless permitted by the veterinarian to return on foot.

Completion criteria:

- Rider may present their horse any time during a 1-hour period after finishing
- Horses must meet 68 pulse and be sound at a trot
- Horse not meeting this criteria shall be disqualified

The same unit (horse, rider, and equipment weight) must be maintained throughout the ride. Entrants must follow the prescribed course, do multiple loops in the correct order, and pass all control points. A competitor who fails to do this should be pulled from placing but may receive a completion. However if the rider wishes to compete for placing he must go back to the point of departure and complete the course in its proper order.

Inhumane treatment of horses may be cause for disqualification. Horses must not be under the influence of drugs, medications or stimulants.

Unruly or unmannerly horses which are a hazard on the trail or to examine may be disqualified. Official competitors may not be accompanied by horses and riders that have not entered the ride.

All riders and mounts must be physically present and accounted for at the start of the ride. Junior division-under the age of 16 as of the first day of the ride season. Must be accompanied at all times by an adult sponsor. Must have written permission of parent or guardian. (See AERC rules for details.) MUST WEAR A HELMET.

Maximum total elapsed time-12 hours for 50 miles; 24 hrs for 100 miles

Gate into a hold - Rider may present his horse for p/r any time within 20 minutes. If the horse fails to pass, the rider may not ask for another check before 10 min. or at the end of the original 20-min, whichever comes first. However the horse must pass within a total of 20 minutes. Horses passing criteria must remain at the check area for a minimum of an additional 20 min.

A horse may not have required or received medication. Any medication administered on the grounds must be under the supervision of a vet.

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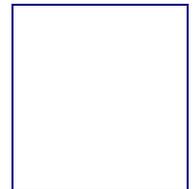
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