



## Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Newsletter October 2025



Keweenaw endurance ride  
“Great weather , awesome riders, fast horses” as ride manager Wendy Maas commented. A good time was had by all with cooler temps continuing at this UP ride near Gwinn. Check out these awesome prizes! If you’re considering a UP ride, check out Keewanaw!



Hey all, I am not a fan of social media, but a HUGE fan of " THANK YOU s" so here is my public thanks. On Sunday at White River, Diane Maxie was the only LD rider and I was the only lightweight CTR. We rode out and stayed together for the entire ride. HAD A GREAT RIDE, just perfect. As a matter of fact sooooo perfect she helped me get our high score of the season so far 387.

Thanks WR staff for a wonderful weekend, Jan Wylie & Dose



## SAVE THE DATE- January 31, 2026

Board meeting, general membership meeting, awards, silent auction and MORE!

Doherty Hotel, Clare, MI

At this year's banquet we will need to elect a President, Vice President, Veterinary Rep, Member at Large, a one-year position for rider rep and a two-year rider rep. For the Finance Committee, we will need two two-year positions, and a one-year position.

The Treasurer and Secretary positions are appointed by the board. The remaining positions are volunteer positions.

Please take an opportunity and consider if you'd like to help with board positions. It truly takes a village to help run endurance rides, and having an executive board is no different. Many of the positions don't require too much extra time, but are important to complete the team to keep GLDRA functioning. We hope to see many members in attendance for voting needs and comforting our riding buddies in the off season when we're all depressed with the snow!

**ANNUAL  
MEETING**



Left: Layla Saatchi, Poorna Bhagat,  
Yoss Afshari

Right: Don and Lisa Knapp



## RESULTS

WHITE RIVER LABOR DAY

**Ride Date: 8/30/2025**

Competitive

Distance 25 Heavyweight

Elizab Allen Ringo

Junior

Abigail Moorhou Rhock Slide

Lightweight

1. Lisa Moorhou LSA Dark Son

Distance 35

Heavyweight

1. Damar Smith Firelily Moon

Lightweight

1. Sara Hall WP Yippe Ki Yay
2. Auror Walsh Win D Prado
3. Dawn Bouwka Bailey
4. Jessic Banner Whiskey Ginger

Endurance Distance 50

Heavyweight

1. Debor McBride Kree Pawnee
2. Robert Gielen On The Verge

Lightweight

1. Diane Meinder Yo Dusty
2. Katelyn Fleming MSU All Shook Up
3. Wend Benns Flirts Ferrari
4. Annie Whelan Wallace Hill
5. Claire Godwin Sundown Reveille+/-

Limited Endurance

Distance 25

Senior

1. Jan Wylie Dose
2. Linda Hamrick Cash
3. Julie Kradel Tir na nOg

Distance 35

Senior

1. Diane Maxey Al-Marah Fox
2. Sarah Fleming DD Hucks Legacy
3. Lisa Knapp Toblerone
4. Don Knapp Drifter

Novice Distance 15

Ann Bogan Dun Got It

**Sunday, August 31, 2025**

Competitive Distance 25

Heavyweight

1. Sandr Wright LW Raajas Chip
2. Ken Wright MSU Soitgoes

Lightweight

1. Auror Walsh Win D Prado

Endurance Distance 50

Heavyweight

1. Damar Smith Joker's Wild Streak
2. Katelyn Fleming MSU All Shook Up

Junior

1. Shauna Howard Magik Silver Spiri

Lightweight

1. Katari Candee Ashe
2. Annie Whelan Wallace Hill
3. Sarah Fleming RTM Triple

4. Claire Godwin Poetical  
Limited Endurance Distance 30

Junior

1. Yoss Afshari Auburn TH

Senior

1. Kenne Aldrich Ripley
2. Ann Bogan Dun It
3. Soray Saatchi Fadjuraba
4. Jennif Shoosha Al-Marah Fox

Novice Distance 15

Amber Jensen Hatiums Legacy

**Monday Sept 1, 2025**

Competitive Distance 25

Heavyweight

1. Jeann Aslakson GF Midnight
2. Damaris Smith Firelily Moon

Lightweight

1. Jan Wylie Dose

Limited Endurance Distance

1. Diane Maxey Al-Marah Fox

Novice

Becky Bond Chic Gtme Blue

## KEEWANAW

**Saturday 9/6/25**

Competitive 30 Miles

Lightweight

1. Olivia Morgan Louie

Endurance 55 Miles

Junior

Grace Carter Bataania KSR Pulled

Lightweight

1. Karen Bahrma Westwind Little
2. Jessie Finnila Sterlings Starstrider
3. Kate Drayton FT Firestorm
4. Linda Jacobson AE Gimli Strength

Limited Endurance 30 Miles

Junior

1. Ilona Jarvi Mandalorian Pride

Senior

1. Laure Werner Gerry With A G
2. Alexa Gregson Hudson Bay Drifter
3. Marle Nauta MMF Hot Coco
4. Jim Carter Mister Jack Daniels
5. Karen Jarvi Sony De Mayo Rose
6. Julia Newton Dolly

Sunday 9/7/25

Competitive 30 Miles

Lightweight

Linda Jacobson Hazelrun Mighty Miles Only

Limited Endurance 30 Miles

Junior

1. Grace Carter Burning Up Diesel
2. Zande Beaubier Trigger Up
3. Ilona Jarvi Mandalorian Pride

Senior

1. Jim Carter Mister Jack Daniels
  2. Laure Werner Gerry With A G
  3. Kate Drayton FT Vite Stryker
  4. Wend Maas RB Liwa
  5. Carol Dekker MSU Solanna
  6. Karen Bahrma Edgefield Triton
  7. Jamie Beaubier Pacific Holiday
  8. Diane Bouska Orion
  9. Karen Jarvi Sony De Mayo Rose
- Marle Nauta MMF Hot Coco Pulled

Novice 15 Miles

Laure Anderson Jenny

## **CURRENT POINTS**

### **POINT STANDINGS THROUGH KEWEENAW**

#### **Competitive**

##### **Heavyweight**

Smith Damaris Firelily Moon River (6 rides) 0.0 160.0 70.4  
Aslakson Jeanne GF Midnight Confession (6 rides) 0.0 160.0 69.4  
Wright Sandra LW Raajas Chip (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 11.0  
Smith Damaris Joker's Wild Streak (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 11.0  
Bond Becky Quincey QT (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 10.0  
Wright Ken MSU Soitgoes (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 10.0

##### **Junior**

Moorhouse Abigail Rhock Slide (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 24.2

##### **Lightweight**

Hall Sara WP Yippe Ki Yay (12 rides) 0.0 310.0 131.4  
Walsh Aurora Win D Prado (7 rides) 0.0 165.0 66.0  
Bouwkamp Dawn Bailey (8 rides) 0.0 165.0 63.4  
Banner Jessica Whiskey Ginger (7 rides) 0.0 160.0 59.2  
Wylie Jan Dose (3 rides) 0.0 75.0 32.0  
Moorhouse Lisa LSA Dark Son Rising (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 24.2  
Bogan Ann Dun It (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 9.6

#### **Endurance**

##### **Heavyweight**

Smith Damaris Joker's Wild Streak (5 rides) 6.0 250.0 104.0  
Boomgaard Stephanie Arceus SS (2 rides) 0.0 100.0 40.0  
Saatchi Soraya Fadjuraba (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 20.0

##### **Lightweight**

Meinders Diane Yo Dusty (6 rides) 4.0 300.0 132.0  
Meinders Diane Lumiere WW (5 rides) 8.0 250.0 110.0  
Bahrman Karen Westwind Little Big Man (5 rides) 4.0 210.0 79.8  
Maas Wendy FT Firestorm (1 ride) 0.0 55.0 24.2  
Shooshania Jennifer Al-Marah Fox Romeo (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 22.0  
Hamrick Linda Cash (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 16.0

#### **Intro**

Kradel Julie Tir na nOg (1 ride) 0.0 10.0 0.0  
Stafford Heather AflameM (Enzo) (1 ride) 0.0 10.0 0.0  
Jensen Amber Hatiams Legacy (1 ride) 0.0 10.0 0.0

#### **Limited Endurance**

### Junior

Jarvi Ilona Mandalorian Pride (4 rides) 0.0 115.0 43.0  
Seraji- Nafiseh DD Whooz Nadirah (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 22.2  
Afshari Yoss Auburn TH (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 13.2  
Jarvi Ilona Trinadee (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 12.0  
Junior Moorhouse Isabella LW Constant Sohn (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 10.0  
Werner Lauren MMF Hot Coco (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 10.0  
Afshari Yoss Wish (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 8.0

### Senior

Maxey Diane Al-Marah Fox Romeo (10 rides) 4.0 215.0 83.6  
Hamrick Linda Cash (6 rides) 0.0 170.0 62.0  
Jarvi Karen Sony De Mayo Rose (5 rides) 0.0 145.0 41.0  
Germann Lisa Ainia DCR (Eve) (5 rides) 0.0 130.0 29.6  
Werner Lauren Gerry With A G (2 rides) 0.0 60.0 25.2  
Bogan Ann Dun It (3 rides) 0.0 80.0 25.0  
McMurry Audrey Rusty (3 rides) 0.0 80.0 18.4  
Saatchi Soraya Fadjuraba (2 rides) 1.0 55.0 17.8  
Neuhoff Kathleen Mystique Rose (2 rides) 0.0 50.0 17.0  
Kradel Julie Tir na nOg (3 rides) 0.0 50.0 14.0  
Talaski Chelsea LW Constant Sohn (1 ride) 1.0 30.0 12.0  
Maxey Diane LW Constant Sohn (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 11.0  
Wylie Jan Dose (1 ride) 1.0 25.0 11.0  
Maas Wendy RB Liwa (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 9.6  
Shooshania Jennifer Al-Marah Fox Romeo (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 9.6  
Maas Wendy FT Firestorm (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 9.0  
Shooshania Jennifer Faro (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 8.4  
Bahrman Karen Edgefield Triton (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 7.2  
Maas Wendy Renegade Raja (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 6.0  
Kurti Barbara Ayman Al Shaqab (2 rides) 0.0 25.0 5.0  
Rose Carole Sunna Dawn (2 rides) 0.0 25.0 5.0

### Novice

Neal Heather Oscar On Duty (5 rides) 0.0 75.0 0.0  
Lloyd Cameron Crystal (4 rides) 0.0 60.0 0.0  
Kradel Julie Tir na nOg (3 rides) 0.0 45.0 0.0  
Jensen Amber Hatiums Legacy (3 rides) 0.0 45.0 0.0  
Bond Becky Chic Gtme Blue (2 rides) 0.0 30.0 0.0  
Wylie Jan Dose (2 rides) 0.0 30.0 0.0  
Bhagat Poorna Sassy Lassy (Jewel) (2 rides) 0.0 30.0 0.0  
Bogan Ann Dun It (2 rides) 0.0 30.0 0.0  
Kradel Julie Duchess of Leelanau (1 ride) 0.0 15.0 0.0

Stafford Heather AflameM (Enzo) (1 ride) 0.0 15.0 0.0

***\*IF THERE ARE POINT DISCREPANCIES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE POINT KEEPER\****

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2025 Board Members

- President- Jan Wylie
- Vice President: Barb Kurti
- Secretary: Jennifer Shooshanian
- Treasurer: Kristen Mikula
- Member at Large: Layla Saatchi
- Rider Reps: Audry McMurry,  
Stephanie Boomgaard
- Newsletter: Sara Hall
- Webmaster: Heather Stafford
- Points Keeper: Kathy Macki



**Next board meeting:  
Nov 4, 2025 at 7:30PM  
All members are encouraged to attend!**



Left: Linda Hamrick & Julie Kradel



Right: Carl Dosmann vetting Linda's partner Cash

## **Donna Smith's story of Shore to Shore- 250 miles in 5 days, 1st place**

The iconic Michigan Shore to Shore ride returned for 2025! This epic event started in 1985 and ran until 2018. It begins in the East at Lake Huron and finishes westward 250 miles and 5 days later at Lake Michigan. In the Traditional Ride, competitors traverse approximately 50 miles each day for five days on the same horse. A 5 day, 25 mile ride was added in the 90's. This year's ride manager, Barb Kurti, had a vision to again hold the ride, although she had not managed it previously. It is an incredible undertaking and took over a year of preparations. She specifically stated that she would only manage this ride in 2025. Barb offered not only a five day ride, but 7 days of 50 and 25 mile rides. Riders could choose the Traditional option or flex options where they could change distances and horses. I opted for the 50 Mile Traditional. I'm all about tradition, and those who complete it receive a really cool Shore to Shore jacket! Barb was joined by Dr Rae Mayer who has judged every single Shore to Shore since 1985! Dr Maureen and Dr Brett rounded out a fantastic and extremely helpful vet committee. The head timer, Bruce, returned to fulfil his role, and Harry, the trail master, gave nightly briefings. As soon as I heard about this last year, I knew this would be my highlighted event for 2025. I've known lots of riders who completed the 5 day 250: Steve Rojek, Valerie Kanavy, Mary Coleman, Maggie Price and Judy VanMeter are just a few. It took a great deal of preparation and lots of research, including buying a new-to-me Chevy Silverado 3 days before our trek to Michigan! Traction has scheduled treatments from Dr. Kathy Lackey, his chiropractor, and Nicole Dougherty, his magnawave therapist. My farrier, Andy Howard, is also exceptional. We discovered that there was no designated farrier for this competition, so my aluminum front shoes would never survive. We started using steel 3 months before Shore to Shore, and they worked beautifully! Barb Kurti posted a good deal of information on the website. One of the competitors, Dr. Shannon Loomis, wrote up a detailed description of each day and answered our many questions on Facebook. Another competitor, Kim Minarich, hosts a podcast called, "At the Hold", which also had lots of helpful information. We discovered that the crew would be moving the truck and trailer to every hold and the finish, and that we needed to carry all of our own water. Screw top buckets and a folding cart were highly recommended. I'm fortunate to ride in the East where competitive trail riding has thrived. Our regional organization is ECTRA, and they sanction multiple distance rides from Virginia to Maine. I've been riding CTRs since 1975, and finally passed my 10,000 ECTRA miles this year, including over 60 3-day 100 mile rides. I figured that the 3 day 100 mile preparations would serve me well for this multi-day event. I train in the Pine Barrens of southern NJ and read that the Michigan trail included a good deal of sand. Nineteen horse and rider teams signed up for the 250 mile Traditional Ride.

It was an 850 mile trek to Michigan with my incredible Team Traction of Hanna Weightman Roach and my husband Peter. We caravanned with my good friends Susie and Steve Benson and Gideon. We overnighted at Dona and Darryl Mc Guires in Windham Ohio where we had lush grass for grazing and large box stalls with fans. We had a wonderful surprise when our group of 5 was invited to join the McGuire family for smoked turkey, corn on the cob, and potato salad. What an incredible start to our journey!

We arrived at South Branch Campground on Friday afternoon to find many trailers already parked. I received Roflex fencing last Christmas just for this event. Needless to say, it was one of my favorite all time Christmas presents! It was nice to settle in for a few days before heading

across Michigan. Steve set up his Starlink which provided us with internet at every one of the remote campsites along the route. We got to see a few sites including the Iosco County Fair and Sophie the Bear at the Bear Store. Susie and I got in a lovely warm up ride along the AuSable river.

Sunday was vet-in and prep day. We were informed that only 50 mile horses get to go to Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. On Monday, Team Traction would need to trailer Trac to the start of the ride at River Road Camp. I decided that we needed to leave for River Road Camp extra early on Monday. Trac can be a little energetic at the start of the ride! So we left first, found the gate closed, chose the path to the right, and well, that was not the way. About a mile down the path, Hanna was able to turn the trailer around and head back to the now open gate. By the time we parked, Trac was drenched in sweat and we had 15 minutes until the start. Luckily I had the best crew ever! Hanna saddled Trac, and since we had no time to be nervous, off we went. As luck would have it, this was the last time Trac was on the trailer until we arrived at Lake Michigan!!

23 started that day and as I passed a bunch of riders, we all chatted about where we were coming from. There were competitors from 30 states and Canada at this event! We headed toward Lake Huron through trails with 3 foot high ferns. I honestly could not see the trail through the ferns. My former mentor, Jackie Weaver, used to tell me that the horses "feel the trail". This must be true because Traction boogied through these winding fern trails. My weekly lessons with Jeannie Mattioni had really paid off. Not only do we work on shortening and lengthening of strides and pole work, but lots of lateral work. I needed every ounce of my training to negotiate those trails.

I'd been alone mostly to Lake Huron, but met up with the front runners at the lake. Although we didn't get all four feet into Lake Huron at the same time, I was able to parallel the waves, first the right side and then the left. We proceeded through VC1 and then headed back to River Road camp, where I met up with Gina Haggis, from VA. Gina is lovely and so is her mare! We rode the rest of the day together. It was a terribly hot day and management provided water where possible. I'm always overheated, so I dunk my head in all the water troughs! We finished enthusiastically - tied for 2nd - and Hanna presented him for BC which he won alongside a high vet score. I have to mention that I rode competitive speed all day, 45 minutes for 5 miles.

Tuesday was also another hot day, but along the lovely AuSable River. 23 started. I rode the entire day with Gina. It was a beautiful trail in forests and across bridges. On this trail, Traction got hung up on a stump on his right hind. He struggled a bit until he finally freed himself. When we arrived at VC 1, we discovered that he had a large gash on his left knee. God bless Hanna who led Trac into the river during the hold. Gina and I continued to McKinley, VC 2. It was still quite warm and I dismounted at a water stop to drench my head. Comically, I fell off the stump while I was remounting, landing on my back with Traction staring at me! We continued through VC 2 and towards Luzerne where we encountered an incredible boardwalk which was about ¼ mile long, in 2 sections. In between is a gorgeous deep clear river. We hung out here for at least 10 minutes drinking and sponging. The horses loved it! We had a strong day tying for 2nd.

Wednesday we rode out of the Luzerne campground. Only 8 started. I was lost this morning. This Shore to Shore trail is permanently marked, but many of the markers are hidden by

overgrown foliage. We were highly encouraged to download and use Ride with GPS, which I did. Unfortunately, I was unable to practice at home. On Monday, I had the volume turned down. On Tuesday, my phone went dead. By Wednesday, I sort of had it working, just alerting me if I was off trail. We saw the Santa Landmark and passed Smith Bridge on our way to VC 1. After this VC, we encountered the most difficult section of the route. An ice storm had decimated this trail. We bush whacked around at least a dozen trees. As luck would have it, I had awesome company during this stretch. Bruce Moffitt was sponsoring Vienne and Carver, a sister and brother from Kentucky. What a lovely group! When we finally exited this trail, a neighbor had provided a large trough and bottles of water which Bruce dismounted to give each of us! We had sandy roads into VC 2, 4 mile camp. The holds on day 2 through 5 were different than I am used to. They were located at the 12.5 and 25 mile marks and were 50 minutes each. Trac and I appreciated the long holds. He is quite a piggy. But that meant that the final 25 miles of each day did not have a VC, and unfortunately my crew was unable to get the trailer to meet me. However, we added another Team Traction member, Dr. Doug Shearer. Doug greeted us with drinks and snacks. We were very thankful as we were alone for the last 25 miles. It ended up being our longest day, hump day! We finished third and Hanna again stood for BC (she did this every day) and Trac won the high vet score competing against two fresh horses! Even with the high vet score, Trac stocked up on all 4 legs overnight despite being in a 30x30 pen. We found out that only two of the original 19 Traditional teams were still competing, Team Traction and Shannon Loomis;

On Thursday, 8 horses started. We left Goose Creek Camp down the steps and through the deep river. We traversed mostly wooded trails until VC 1, then into the woods before riding along highway 612 for a few miles. It's a busy road where cars and trucks travel quickly. Thankfully Trac is pretty unflappable in traffic. I mostly had the company of 25 mile riders until VC 2, Kalaska Camp. VC 2 to our finish at Schecks is 25 miles and mostly wooded. But after VC 2, I rode the whole 25 miles alone. Trac and I definitely prefer company. Once again Doug Shearer met us with snacks and water for Trac and me. It was a gorgeous day. We finished in third place and Shannon also finished. Schecks has a beautiful river. Hanna took Trac in the river and we were joined by a handful of other horses. Trac had started losing weight, and his saddle started shifting to the right, causing a rub mark and soreness. Hanna was icing his back, his knee, and his legs at every VC and throughout the evening. It was really difficult to fit everything that needed to be accomplished into our day. Peter took care of filling the piglets, gassing the generator, taking up/down the fencing, and getting ice. Hanna took care of everything Traction. Even finding time to eat dinner was a challenge. On Thursday evening, I called a team meeting and cried. I only had one more day, but Traction needed extra TLC. Hanna offered to get up at 2am to ice him and Peter offered to walk him at 5am. Thank goodness for my team!

Finally it was Friday! Only 50 more miles, or so I thought! I was hoping to ride with Gina again, but she opted to ride Saturday instead. Luckily Helen Lynn needed a buddy for her mare at the beginning of the day, and I needed a buddy for Traction for the last 25 miles. It was a perfect match! We headed to VC 1 at the Fairgrounds. Once headed out of the Fairgrounds, I encountered my first roundabout. We were told to go around the roundabout just like a car and that the traffic would stop for us. Not only did they stop, but they waved and took photos of us! We headed through woods and sand roads to Lake Dubonnet (Mud Lake was renamed to

entice new property owners). Our 25 mile friends, including Susie and Gideon, finished here - 125 miles, yay! as we rode on. We were joined by another rider, Julie, on our last leg. The finish was located 6 miles past Garey Camp where we would spend the night. So as we rode through Garey Camp, our crews were able to meet us with a snack. Then six more miles to the finish! The finish was on the side of a busy road. The crew was parked precariously on a shoulder. To say I was thrilled when I spotted my crew was an understatement! We unsaddled, and waited the 10 minutes required for the BC CRI trot out. Helen and Julie opted not to stand and decided that re-saddling and riding 3 more miles to Lake Michigan was not in their cards. So after Hanna finished trotting Trac in the 3 foot high grass, we headed off to Lake Michigan. Almost as soon as I started down the shoulder of the road, Barb Kurti met me in her truck and announced that she was my escort. I could see how proud she was of us and her incredible feat of conducting this awesome event. She also made sure that everyone knew she, too, had an Asgard. The sire of her gelding, Kulta, is Traction's grandsire. We stopped to take pictures at the Shore to Shore sign and entrance of Empire. Barb told me to beware of the runner headed towards me, but to my surprise, it was Hanna coming on foot to escort us. As we advanced towards Empire, it is a tradition to stop for ice cream. I had great difficulty eating my ice cream cone since I needed two hands to control my horse. Hanna stayed next to us for the remainder of our journey, intermittently handing me my cone. I have to admit that I told every single person I saw about my incredible horse, Traction, and his first place finish and epic adventure from Lake Huron to Lake Michigan that had begun on Monday. We passed beach goers, paddle boarders, and kids on swings on our way to the beach. When we finally made it to Lake Michigan, we were met with the entire management team: Barb, Jennifer, and Lynn, as well as lots of spectators. Mary Mast, a long-time rider and supporter of Shore to Shore, tried to take Trac into the lake, but my redhead needed to make up his own mind. He loves Hanna, so she coaxed him into the water without difficulty. After lots of photos, we needed to go another ½ mile to where the trailers were parked. Hanna walked alongside us, but Trac was clocking 4.6mph on the GPS. If Hanna jogged to catch up, Trac jogged too, afterall Hanna had been jogging him all week! Our Friday ended up at 54 miles of incredible joy. We arrived back into camp amongst clapping and cheers. Traction had won the Shore to Shore 250 miles by 4 hours and earned the Veterinarian's Award for the horse they would most like to ride back to Lake Huron. Both Traction and Gideon had well deserved rolls in the sand. Saturday was their rest day while we visited Glen Arbor, had an exceptional lunch before doing the scenic drive to see the Lake Michigan overlook and Sleeping Bear Dunes.

We headed back to Windham on Saturday and returned home by Sunday late afternoon. It was a monumental event with a glorious outcome. I cannot thank Barb Kurti, the veterinarians, and volunteers enough for the adventure of a lifetime. And thank you to Tom Savetz for breeding this incredible athlete and to Melody Blittersdorf for his awesome start and exceptional training and allowing me to own him these past four years. And of course, Hanna, Peter, Doug, and my heart horse, Traction. This was truly a team event. There is no possible way I could have completed this adventure without Traction and my entire crew.

P.S. We're being interviewed by Kim Minarich at the end of the month for the October podcast of "At the Hold"