



Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Newsletter August 2026

Upcoming Rides Next Month
White River Labor Day- Sept 5-7
Waterloo Rock N Roll- Sept 26-27

Results and current points standings are updated on the website.
Please notify Kathy Macki at k_macki@yahoo.com for discrepancies.

Pictures from Au Sable Pines



Above: Members enjoying the fire
Photo Credit: Heather Neal
Right: Barb Kurti handing out awards on Sat PM



Au Sable Pines was a new distance ride this year, with a collaboration between MTRA and GLDRA. South Branch trail camp was the host camp along the shore to shore trail, and riders enjoyed the beautiful views of the Au Sable River. Great camaraderie was had by all, and lots of great trail stories were shared.

Pictures from Detroit Horse Power



Detroit Horse Power is such a special ride to support the program allowing city kids in Detroit to learn about horses and riding. All proceeds from this ride go to help funding for their program. This year over \$13,000 was raised! This years ride was a huge success with a new hospitality tent on trail and adding ride and tie and Equathon to the already busy schedule. There were over 90 entries over the weekend! Congrats to everyone that competed and thank you for supporting this great benefit ride.



NEW MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENT

This year I'd like to update everyone with our new members! If you see a new face or hear a new name announced at a ride, be sure to welcome them!

New GLDRA Member(s)- Kristen Moody

2026 Board Members

President- Stephanie Boomgaard

Vice President: Audrey McMurry

Secretary: Jennifer Shooshanian

Treasurer: Kristen Mikula

Member at Large: Damaris Smith

Rider Reps: Teresa Mulherin, Dawn Bouwkamp

Webmaster and Newsletter: Sara Hall

Points Keeper: Kathy Macki



SAVE THE DATE

Next board meeting: Sept 23 at 7:30PM