UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



Pull out your calendars! 2014 Ride Schedule

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May 24-25	Grand Island	Rapid River, MI
May 30, Jun 1	Endure	Chanderville, IL
May 31, Jun 1	Maplewood West	Pelican Rapids,
		MN
Jun 7-8	ApDRA	Palmyra, WI
Jun 14-15	White River Summer	Hesperia, MI
Jun 13-15	SE Minnesota	Forestville, MN
Jun 21-22	Hopkins Creek	Manton, MI
Jun 21-22	Dead Dog Creek	Kinmundy, IL
Jun 28-29	AHDRAI My Backyard	Wyanet, IL
Jul 4-5	Endless Valley	Spring Green, WI
Jul 5-6	AHAM	Augusta, MI
Jul 12-13	Mosquito Run	Rogers, MN
Jul 19-20	Grand Island North	Limestone, MI
Jul 26-27	Wildcat	Palmyra, WI
Aug 3	Shore to Shore	Oscoda, MI
	Warmup	
Aug 4-8	Shore to Shore	L Huron to L
		Michigan, MI
Aug 9	Shore to Shore Cool	Empire, MI
	Down	
Aug 9-10	Louise Riedel	Arkdale, WI
	Memorial	
Aug 16-17	Thistle Down Run	Frazee, MN
Aug 16-17	Rock River Charity	Utica, IL
	Ride	
Aug 23-24	Northern Highland	Spooner, WI
Aug 30, Sep 1	White River Fall	Hesperia, MI
Sep 6-7	Charity Cup	Pillager, MN
Sep 6-7	Keweenaw	Lake Linden, MI
Sep 6-7	Lincoln Trail	Kinmundy, IL
Sep 12-14	Colorama	Greenbrush, WI
Sep 13-14	Tin Cup Springs	Luther, MI
Sep 20-21	Run for the Ridge	Fairfax, MN
Sep 27-28	Pine Martin Run	Nahma Junction,
		MI
Oct 2-5	DRAWarama	Palmyra, WI
Oct 11-12	Iron Oak	Arkdale, WI
Oct 11-12	Oak Leaf Run	Hamilton, MI
Oct 17-19	Point Chaser	Wabasha, MN
Oct 25-26	AHDRA III - Big River	Keithsburg, IL

Attention Riders – Critical Ride Updates!!!

Grand Island May 24 & 25 – requires 10 PREPAID ride entries by May 1 for the 75 mile ride to take place – get your entries in now! The ride book was missing the map to the ride. A copy of the map is at the end of the newsletter.

Hey Riders!

Pay attention to ride flyers There are extra rules at some rides this year:
mandatory helmets for all – fines and/or DQ for
unleashed dogs – no stallions Read ride flyers before leaving home!



Want to request a donation for trail improvements? There is donation form that needs to be used for ALL requests for trail grants, Expo money, etc. The form can be obtained by contacting Jill Feller at: jfeller@nconnect.net or by regular mail at: Jill Feller, N9280 Cty Road TW, Mayville, WI 53050.

A letter from the UMECRA President!

As I write this the trailer is loaded - except for the horses, and I'm on my way to help with Sisu on the Border.

My, what a spring! I've never been so grateful to be out on the trail. I know there are other who think the exact same thought.

I'm wishing you a most wonderful ride season. May you and your horses remain healthy & happy. May all your trails be clear and ridecamp filled with laughter and good times.

I'm certain I can speak for the entire UMECRA board and we wish you the best this year whether you be a ride manager, rider, vet or volunteer.

Trails Open!
Theresa Meyer

Want to advertise in the UMECRA newsletter?

Contact the editor for rates at:

<u>UMECRAnews@gmail.com or call 651-353-7959</u>. We can handle most common formats, such as Word, .pdf, or .jpg. The deadline for each issue is the last day of the previous month – newsletters are generally mailed by the 15th. Peggy Pasillas, UMECRA Newsletter

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Checks should be made payable to UMECRA.

Let the Season begin!

Let the Season begin Ride Results!

Check your results – any questions, please contact the ride manager first Report any issues to Robin Schadt at robinschadt@aol.com

	Kettles N Bits - 5/	/3 50 Mile Endurance LW	
Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	1
Candy	Barbo	CR Windsor	1
Jessi	Zirbel	Style N Attitude	3
Jan	Worthington	Golden Lightening	4
Roberta	Harms	Lady Jane	5
Julie	Jackson-Biegert	Ace	6
Katie	Bachhuber	JG Sammy	Pull
Laurie	Henschel	Ebony's Bravo Moon	Pull
	Kettles N Bits - 5/	3 50 Mile Endurance HW	
Sherry	Aune	Cabernet Sauvignon	1
Jeanne	Crispin	Tioga Peak	2
Kathi	Soukup	GSF Frankie	3
Deb	Searle	WOA Raven's Premier +\	4
Joslyn	Seefeldt	DSD Starstruck	5
Barry	Saylor	MD Colorful Touch	Pull
		3 25 Mile Competitive HW	
Jon	Wagner	MI Victory Dance	1
		3 25 Mile Competitive LW	
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	1
Ruth	Casserly	Auran Harley Davidson	2
Laura	Savatski	Murphy's Law	3
Melinda	Stewart	McCues Miss Behavin	4
Colleen	Morgan	JBK Tara	5
Elizabeth	Desmore	My Low Rider	6
Ке	ttles N Bits - 5/3 -	12.5 Mile Competitive Drive	
Tim	Casserly	Auran Bachlava/Amir Sam PMF	1
Tony	Troyer	El Minister/Heart of Valpariso	2
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	3
Ket	tles N Bits - 5/3 -1	2.5 Mile Competitive Novice	
Kristin	Wacker	Patch Adams	1
Carol	Hayden	Diego	2
Andrea	Pfeifer	Night Tripper	3
Art	Anderson	Pich-n-Asset	4
Bart	Verstecyh	Remember the Magic	5
Nancy	Leonard	Beau	С
Ке	ttles N Bits - 5/3 -	25 Mile Limited Distance Sr	
Wes	Elford	Suzie Q	1
TJ	Edwards	Miss Molly Mule	2
Colleen	Morgan	SC Cassa Nova	3
Shirley	May	Twinkle	4
Maxine	Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	5
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	6
Pam	Cotton	Cherokee Diamond Bunny	C
Nicole	Olnedo	GLW Attari	С
Nicole	Herrmann	Sazar's Native Sun	С
Robin	Schadt	Kayheart	C
		25 Mile Limited Distance Jr	
			1
Ainsley	Suskey	Mi Lucky Charm	
Hattie Ko	Herrmann	Amigo	2
		12.5 Mile Competitive Drive	1
Katz	Jackson	Crystal	1
Tony	Troyer	El Minister/Heart of Valpariso	2
Tim	Casserly	Auran Bachlava/Amir Sam PMF	3
Alice	Hubert	K-Macaroni	4
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Jen	Allen	Segers Accompany Me	1

Kettles N Bits - 5/4 25 Mile Competitive LW			
Laura	Husser	CDWD Margarita	1
Lori	Windows	Mahrtina	2
Colleen	Morgan	JBK Tara	3
K	ettles N Bits - 5/4 -	25 Mile Limited Distance Sr	
Barry	Saylor	Ultra Psuede	1
Angel	Chmurynski	Yankee Czar	2
Tina	Williams	Dynamo Dash	3
TJ	Edwards	Miss Molly Mule	4
Jill	Feller	JG Hamdah	5
Julie	Jackson-Biegert	Princess Dee Lites MHF	6
Jan	Worthington	Golden Amir JD	С
Jessi	Zirbel	Hildago	С
Shirley	May	Atalissa	С
Maxine	Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	С
Kathi	Soukup	TSF Time	С
Robin	Schadt	Kayheart	С
Deb	Searle	Sultan's Sundance	С
Pam	Cotton	MRK Annie Oakley	С
Sherry	Aune	Code Red EE	PULL
Donna	Ozment	Bayriffics Two K Gold	PULL
Joslyn	Seefeldt	Pasarab's Abierto	PULL
Kettles N Bits - 5/4 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Jr			
Charlie	Koester	LU Nor Soveirgn	1
Ainsley	Suskey	Mi Lucky Charm	2

White River Spring 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive HW			
Shannon	Weston	Spirit Dancer	1
Melinda	Capane	Frederico	2
Ken	Wright	Samaha Gameeh	3
Whi	ite River Sprin	g 5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive J	R
Lexie	Hermann	Shatto's Sir Lancelot	1
Whi	te River Spring	5/3 - 25 Mile Competitive L	W
Rebecca	Grams	Bear's Northern Light	1
Whi	ite River Sprin	g 5/3 - 50 Mile Endurance HV	V
Guy	Worthingtor	Fast William	1
Deborah	McBride	Lily Creek Tariff	2
Jim	Andriakos	WB Nelsons Thunderbyrd	3
Diana	Anderson	HJH Mccoys Magic	Pull
Wh	ite River Sprin	g 5/3 - 50 Mile Endurance LV	V
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	1
Amy	Yatsko	Captain	2
Lisa	Germann	Overbrooks Image +/	3
Rachael	Meinders	Mattingley KC Heart	4
Marcia	Weilback	Hot Lover	5
Diane	Meinders	Lacey's Game	Pull
	River Spring	5/3 - 25 Mile Limited Distand	e Jr
Whitney	Meinders	Ms Dasani	1
White	River Spring :	5/3 - 25 Mile Limited Distanc	e Sr
Carl	Dosman	Paper Icon	1
Deborah	Dwan	Hidden Bonus	2
Lesley	Danko	Sugar Ridge	3
Alicia	Mansaeth	Patralana	4
James	Prueter	Freedom	5
Lisa	Moorhouse	Moulins Sal Lus WPA	Pull

Whi	te River Sprin	g 5/4 - 25 Mile Competitive H	W	
Sandra	Wright	CW Raajsrflection	1	
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Whitney	Meinders	Honey	1	
Whi	te River Sprin	g 5/4 - 25 Mile Competitive L	W	
Bev	London	Styrher Garani	1	
Katy	Byrne	CEA Aaron Halim	2	
Wh	White River Spring 5/4 - 50 Mile Endurance HW			
Guy	Worthingto	Rerun	1	
White River Spring 5/4 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr				
Carl	Dosman	Paper Icon	1	
Jim	Andriakos	CR Cosmic Eclipse	2	
Marcia	Weilback	Get R Done	3	
Deborah	Dwan	PR Fuashebara Zoda	4	
Barb	Kurti	Kulta	5	
Janine	Holmes	Tryllenka	Pull	

Biosecurity Tip of the Month: Hay and Feed Storage

By The Horse Staff Apr 14, 2014 http://www.thehorse.com/

Biosecurity Tip of the Month: Hay and Feed Storage Store grain in secure containers and avoid leaving bags open or unsealed to prevent vermin from coming in contact with horses' feed.

Other equids aren't the only animals that can transmit disease to our horses: Birds, bugs, and other creatures can also carry diseases that can affect horses. What's one way to reduce the number of animals in our barns? Careful feed and hay storage.

<u>Biosecurity Risk</u>: Scavenging vermin, birds, and other animals have the potential to transmit disease through contact with uncovered hay and open feed bags.

Depending on how your horse's feed is stored, the biosecurity risk can range from minor to major, or be somewhere in between:

<u>High Biosecurity Risk</u>—Feed, hay, and manurehandling equipment are stored together and uncovered in a barn aisle way.

Medium Biosecurity Risk—Open feed backs, uncovered hay, and dirty manure-handling tools are kept in a storage stall, with some space between each.

<u>Minimal Biosecurity Risk</u>—Hay is covered, feed is stored in sealed containers, and manure-handling

tools are kept clean and disinfected, all contained in a secure storage stall or room.

Biosecurity Fix: When you travel, designate a stall in which to store covered feed containers and pallets of covered hay, and keep stall-cleaning tools clean and disinfected.

And as always, remember to provide a safe and healthy environment for your horse by practicing good biosecurity at your farm and while traveling.

Information provided by the California Department of Food and Agriculture Biosecurity Toolkit for Equine Events.

READY FOR CONVENTION 2015? CLARE MICHIGAN - PLAN AHEAD!!!!

Friday evening.....AHDRA awards followed by......

GAME NIGHT! WITH COMMERCIALS! Confused?

Each State and breed organization sponsoring a ride is asked to prepare and present a commercial to be judged by panel of experts. TOPIC of your choice - PROMOTE your state/ride/etc!

Each group (UMECRA, DRAW,MnDRA, GLDRA, AHDRA, MDDA, and anybody else interested) is asked to present a commercial style live, 2-5 minute, skit promoting or trying to sell some aspect of distance riding, equipment, feed, etc. These are meant to be funny SNL type commercials.

Questions?
Reply to DRAW MEMBERS

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10 Easy Earth Day Tips to Green Up Your Horse Life

By Michelle N. Anderson, TheHorse.com Digital Managing Editor Apr 22, 2014

Small changes in our daily horse care routine can help reduce our horses' hoof prints on our plant.

April 22, 2014, was Earth Day. As horse owners, we know management of these large animals impacts the surrounding environment—from chemicals used in pasture maintenance to land use to waste produced by stables. But often, small changes in our daily horse care can help change the big picture and reduce our horses' hoof prints on our planet. With that in mind, here are 10 earth-friendly tips that are easy to instate:

Install solar-powered fence chargers. Get your fences off the grid by replacing traditional electric fence chargers with solar-powered ones. Just make sure the charger provides enough juice to keep your entire fence-line hot.

et up recycling in the barn. Make recycling water bottles and soda cans easy by setting up designated recycling bins near the trash. Go a step farther by finding out if feed bags (plastic or paper), product bottles (such as shampoo or fly spray containers), supplement buckets, and other disposables are recyclable in your area.

Keep your truck and trailer in good repair. A well-maintained vehicle is more fuel efficient and runs cleaner than one that doesn't receive regular care. Keep up on your vehicle's oil change schedule and make sure tires on both your pickup and horse trailer have proper tire pressure. While you're at it, make sure your trailer tires are safe.

Replace incandescent light bulbs. Reduce energy usage in your barn by replacing incandescent bulbs with fluorescents or LEDs (or light emitting diodes). Bonus: Both LEDs and fluorescents last longer than incandescent bulbs, so you'll have to change them less frequently.

Conserve water. Have you ever walked away from a filling through only to forget you left the water on? Prevent wasted water and backflow by setting an automatic shutoff timer at the spigot.

Also, collect rain in barrels if you have landscaping around the barn to keep watered, or farm implements to keep clean.

Protect wetlands and waterways. Build fences or barriers around mucky spots, waterways, and wetlands to prevent keep horses away from the area. Doing so can help prevent water contamination from manure and erosion.

Manage weeds naturally. Get a head start on weed management by pulling weeds and mowing early in the season, before they go to seed. Learn more about proper pasture management in this post by our resident horse keeping expert, Alayne Blickle, and identify common noxious weeds with help from this slideshow.

Instate natural insect control methods. Simple steps, such as keeping paddocks free of manure and employing fly parasite wasps, can help keep fly populations down. And eliminating standing water will reduce mosquito populations down.

For more ideas on managing insects naturally, see this blog post by Blickle about hosting birds near your barn to reduce bug populations.

Plant a wind barrier around your arena. Shrubs strategically planted along the outside of an arena can block the evaporative effects of wind on arena footing, meaning you'll need less water to keep your arena dust free. It will also help keep footing in your arena rather than blowing in the wind.

Stay on designated trails and paths when riding. Wilderness areas include delicate ecosystems. Respect the land you're enjoying by staying on the trail.

Fighting White Line Disease By Preston Hickman, DVM May 06, 2014

The late famed farrier Burney Chapman long ago stressed the importance of treating white line disease (WLD) aggressively and considering the overall picture rather than just the pathology (disease or damage). The fungi involved in white line disease attack the stratum corneum's (the outermost layer of the epidermis) intermediate layer—called the stratum medium—and digest the membrane responsible for securing the hoof

wall to the sensitive areas deeper in the center of the hoof. The end result is that air and debris, instead of cartilage, line and separate the living tissue layers. Tapping the hoof wall in these cases creates a hollow sound, which is why some call WLD hollow hoof syndrome.

This disease's complex management and treatment aspects are probably best narrowed to three components: hoof care, diet, and environment. Ignoring any one of these can cause an otherwise good plan to fail.

Hoof care: A veterinarian and farrier team is best suited to address individual WLD cases, so we will cover only general principles here. First, the affected area must be opened and dried out with a topical product such as chlorine dioxide or Gentian violet. The degree of damage will dictate the amount of hoof wall debridement required, and care must be exercised not to damage healthy tissue or create more damage to the wall than is prudent—the horse still must bear weight comfortably. Treatment is aimed at killing fungi or fungal spores rather than trying to burn or harden sensitive tissue, as the latter actually slows the overall healing process.

Second, the vet-farrier team should provide coffin bone support either by casting or shoeing and remove flares, seedy toe, and lamellar wedges (abnormal horn structure that develops within the lamellar region of the foot) to establish a proper weight-bearing structure for the horse. Finally—a step that's often overlooked—your farrier should trim and shoe the horse to achieve a heel-first landing and proper weight bearing over the solar surface of the foot.

Diet: We know many horses that suffer from WLD are insulin resistant or have equine metabolic syndrome, and we know forage type, quality, and quantity directly influence insulin levels. So we must consider feed types and sources for affected horses. Insulin resistance, for instance, can cause blood vessels at the extremities to contract, potentially compromising blood flow to the foot's tissues, so we'd focus on a low-calorie/low-carb diet.

Environment: Horses with poor blood circulation in their feet require adequate exercise to stimulate blood flow, so turnout and pasture time are critical to overall success. Stalling rather than turning out in a paddock environment may be the single biggest factor compounding pathogen growth and damage associated with white line disease. Horses moving even in small paddocks are much better equipped to battle opportunistic hoof pathogens than those living stationary in a stall environment.

Hoof form and function has developed into an entire field of study and, as we gain knowledge pertaining to current practices, we have begun to rethink our current animal husbandry guidelines or practices. Researchers are examining how bedding types and footing (e.g., pea gravel vs. sand) affect foot growth and function. Results from one study showed that changes in confinement and footing materials were superior to current white line disease and laminitis treatment techniques.

There is much more to white line disease than hoof wall separation or an ideal environment for fungi to become pathogenic. We need to realize that fungi are opportunistic and will continue to cause problems until we debride and treat the affected areas. While it's still open for some debate, many researchers generally believe WLD is tied to the way we house and care for our horses. Volumes are being written on this subject, and the answers we seek will affect the future care and husbandry of our horses.

Biosecurity Tip of the Month #2: Equipment Use

If you're attending a show, bring equipment for each of your horses, and don't use anyone else's equipment on your animals.

Your horse has green hay slime coming out his mouth right before a horse-show class. A kind groom sees you're in a pinch and hands you a rag to clean your horse up. Stop! That rag might harbor dangerous pathogens that could sicken—or even kill—your

horse. Here's how to reduce your horse's risk of picking up a disease via equipment at an event.

Biosecurity Risk: Infectious pathogens can be spread on shared equipment, such as grooming supplies, wipe rags, water buckets, hoses, and tack.

While some facilities and organizers discourage sharing, others don't. And depending on the protocols facilities have in place, the biosecurity risk to your horse can range from minor to major, or be somewhere in between:

High Biosecurity Risk—Many participants share equipment, and the facility hasn't posted signs or doesn't have a policy discouraging shared equipment use.

Medium Biosecurity Risk—The facility has posted signs to discourage equipment sharing at the event grounds, but no communication of policy to participants before the event.

Minimal Biosecurity Risk— Event staff communication to participants before the event to discourage equipment sharing and has posted signs at the event grounds.

Biosecurity Fix: If you're hosting, communicate to participants before and during the event to discourage equipment sharing. If you're attending, bring equipment for each of your horses, and only use that equipment on your horses. Also, don't allow anyone else to use your equipment for other horses, and avoid using anyone else's equipment on your animals.

And as always, remember to provide a safe and healthy environment for your horse by practicing good biosecurity at your farm and while traveling.

Information provided by the California Department of Food and Agriculture Biosecurity Toolkit for Equine Events.

Looking for new places to ride in your area and beyond?

Check out http://trailmeister.com/

Lots of information there on trails and all things trails! Search by city, state, even zip codes! You can even add trails that you know about!

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