

UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



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*“What you have done is
nothing compared to what you
can do.”* Grant Cardone

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UMECRA's Ride with GPS Club Account.

This is our central repository of routes and events. All active club members have access to premium navigation features on club routes free of charge. If you have a GPS track that would be helpful to add or to have your membership elevated to route manager, please email Deb at debralmoe@gmail.com.

All active club members have access to premium navigation features on all club routes and events.

- Voice Navigation in our mobile app
- Offline Maps in our mobile app
- PDF Maps + Cuesheets
- Advanced Turn Notifications with TCX files
- Estimated time
- [Club Account Member Benefits Page](#)

Question: If I am a member, do I need to purchase my own separate premium subscription?

Answer: As an active member, you do not need a separate paid subscription to access

feature like turn-by-turn navigation and offline maps on routes within our club's route library; you can access these features for free as a club member, while a paid subscription would allow you to use those features on any route, not just club routes.

All route and member managers have access to features only found on the Club Account:

- Advanced Route Planning Feature
- Route Changelog with edit history
- Club Account Route Backups
- Member list filtering & sorting
- Club member list CSV export
- Added ability to add routes to events with filtering and sorting options
- Add Club logo to PDF Map and Cuesheet
- [Club Account Manager Page](#)

Contact debralmoe@gmail.com with any questions about UMECRA's Ride with GPS account.

Feedback on the program from Robin Schadt:

It worked great at Early Bird. For the riders that didn't download the loops prior to arriving at ride camp, Robin was able to generate a QR code they could scan for the loops.

Rides that do not have cell service at ride camps will need to send the tracks out ahead of time.

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Ride Cancellation: Trade River Run on 5/17-5/18 has been cancelled.

Do you have old newsletters?

Do you have a box, drawer, 3-ring binder with old UMECRA newsletters? I'm in search of old newsletters, 2003 and earlier. If you have some, please contact:

Theresa Meyer thmeyer753@gmail.com

Arabian Horse Association (AHA) Region 10
Competitive Trail and Endurance
Championships Explained

*Do you own or lease a registered Arabian or Half Arabian?

*Are you a member of an Arabian Horse Association club (i.e. AHDRA) and have your competition card (full membership)?

*Have you been competing in distance riding with this equine?

Chances are you are eligible to compete in the AHA Regional Ride. The AHA Region 10 competition is being held at Southeast Minnesota ride June 14 & 15. The 50 mile Endurance Championship is Saturday, and the 25 mile Competitive Trail Championship is on Sunday

This Regional Ride, is an additional "layer," if you qualify, on top of the regular UMECRA endurance or competitive ride at this ride. There is an additional fee because there are additional prizes if you win.

If you have a Breeders Sweepstakes nominated horse, there is an increased incentive to enter, as you have a chance to win prize money this year. \$600 will be divided between the top 5 places in Purebred Arabian and \$600 for the Partbred Arabian division at each regional competition. Don't know if you have a Sweepstakes horse? Check your horse's papers for this logo:



The endurance rides are run the same way as AERC/UMECRA rides with all the rules and regulations, except divisions are Purebred Arabian, and Partbred Arabian. There are no weight divisions. The competitive ride has a different scoresheet and rules, but is run similarly to the UMECRA ride. Check out the rulebook online:

<https://www.arabianhorses.org/export/content.export/aha-docs/AHAHANDBOOK.pdf>

Not an AHA member yet? Join the Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA).

<https://ahdra.org/about/#membership>

At the ride there is an additional entry form to fill out, so please have your horse's registration number, your competition card and the owner's (if different) AHA competition card with you when you check in. Please refer to the AHA Handbook for minimum mileage requirements before entering.

I will email you an AHA Region 10 Championship Entry Form before this event if you like!

Contact me: Theresa Meyer, Southeast Minnesota Ride manager -
thmeyer753@gmail.com

The Rule Box - 2025 Ride Season!!

Let's look at Veterinary Requirements this month...

3. Veterinary Requirements

A. Horses must be under veterinary supervision throughout the duration of the event.

B. Horses must stand a pre-ride examination, mandatory rest stop examinations, and must pass a vet check after the ride. Any horse may be stopped at any point for a veterinary exam. The decision of the judges is final.

C. A rider may ask for one recheck on a P/R. Pulse rechecks must be done with a stethoscope. P/Rs shall be taken as a unit and a recheck shall be requested immediately after BOTH have been taken and announced. The recheck must be taken immediately and the rider must accept the second score, whether higher or lower. In the case of a documented arrhythmia a stethoscope must be used for all vet checks. Heart rate monitors (HRM) will be allowed as long as they are used for all riders and in the same manner.

Individual rider HRM must be turned off as they interfere with the hand held. (2014) 5

D. A horse that has required a recheck shall not be penalized by being held extra time. (Exception, Gate into a Hold.)

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

F. The rider/owner of an equine disqualified by a ride veterinarian should be notified immediately by that veterinarian or the ride manager.

G. A final decision allowing unsighted equines to compete shall be made on a case-by-case basis by the control judge at each event. Riders of blind equines should contact the ride manager prior to entry. (2013) (2015)

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Ride Managers – remember - all ride payments should be mailed to the UMECRA Bookkeeper:

Jessica Sonnek

1991 County 9

Houston, MN 55973

Email: jess.sonnek@gmail.com

Call: 608.780.3477

Happy Spring!

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Don't forget to renew your UMECRA membership before your first ride. That will make sure you get all your points and miles for the ride season! You can use the membership form in the newsletter or complete your membership online at www.umecra.com

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Time to Plan Your 2025 Ride Season!

Go to UMECRA.com for full ride details

Date	Ride Name / Location
4/26	Tally Ho! Distance Riding Clinic & Ride / Tipton, IA
5/3 – 5/4	MnDRA1 / Hinkley, MN
5/3 – 5/4	White River Spring / Hesperia, MI
5/9 – 5/11	Glacier Trails / Palmyra, WI
5/17 – 5/18	AHDRA's Endura / Keithsburg, IL
5/24 – 5/25	Grand Island Ride / Rapid River, MI
5/31 – 6/1	Maplewood West / Pelican Rapids, MN
6/7 – 6/8	DRAWs Kettles N' Bits / Campbellsport, WI
6/7 – 6/8	White River Summer / Hesperia, MI
6/14 – 6/15	Kankakee River Ride / Bourbonnais, IL
6/14 – 6/15	Southeast Minnesota / Preston, MN
6/21 – 6/22	Grand Island North / Munising, MN
6/28 – 6/29	Firecracker Fling / Avoca, WI
7/12 – 7/13	Hopkins Creek Ride / Fife Lake, MI
7/12 – 7/13	Mosquito Run / Rogers, MN
7/25 – 7/27	Bonecrusher Ride / Palmyra, WI
7/27 – 8/2	Shore to Shore Distance Ride / Hale, MI
8/8 – 8/10	Louise Riedel Memorial / Arkdale, WI
8/15 – 8/16	Detroit Horse Power Benefit Ride / Milford, MI
8/16 – 8/17	Bearfoot Boogie / Hinkley, MN
8/23 – 8/24	AHDRA's Field of Dreams Dash / Farmington, IA
8/23 – 8/24	DRAW's Prairie River Ride / Gleason, WI
8/30 – 9/1	White River Labor Day Pioneer Ride / Hesperia, MI
9/6 – 9/7	Charity Cup / Pillager, MN
9/6 – 9/7	Keweenaw Ride / Gwin, MN
9/12 – 9/13	DRAW's Colorama Classic / New Prospect, WI
10/4 – 10/5	Huntersville Hundred / Menahga, MN
10/4 – 10/5	Rock River Charity Ride / Chandlerville, IL
10/11 – 10/12	Iron Oak / Arkdale, WI
10/11 – 10/12	Oak Leaf Run / Hamilton, MI
10/17 – 10/18	Point Chaser / Theilman, MN
10/25 – 10/26	AHDRA – Big River / Keithsburg, IL
Monday, 11/3/25 - End of UMECRA Season	

SAVE THE DATE FOR UMECRA 2026 CONVENTION!

January 16-18, 2026

Express Suites Riverport- Conference and Event Center

900 Bruski Dr, Winona, MN 55987

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Clinics!

The next clinic is scheduled for April 26th – the Tally Ho! Distance Clinic and Novice Ride in Tipton, IA! If you know people in the area, please let them know! The clinic flyer is available on UMECRA.com on the ride schedule.

Are you planning a clinic? Let us know (email me at peggy@pasillas.net) and we'll get it in the newsletter!

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Protecting Your Feed Investments

Hay Storage

Proper storage and monitoring of hay are essential to prevent mold, heat-induced combustion, and nutrient deterioration. Key measures include:

- **Moisture Control:** Hay should be dried to less than 16-20% moisture to avoid heating and mold. Moisture levels should be monitored closely, particularly within the first two weeks of baling.
- **Temperature Monitoring:** Use electronic probes to ensure hay temperatures remain below 120°F to prevent combustion.
- **Storage Conditions:** Store hay in a separate building with proper ventilation and on a layer of straw, gravel, or pallets to avoid ground moisture.
- **Stacking Techniques:** Stack square bales on edge with gaps for air circulation, while limiting height to four or five bales. Round bales should be well-dried before stacking.
- **Outdoor Protection:** Use well-secured waterproof tarps, preferably canvas, for outdoor haystacks.
- **Nutrient Preservation:** Exposure to air, sunlight, and weather results in nutrient loss. Supplementation may be necessary as vitamins degrade over time.

Grain and Supplement Storage

Moisture is detrimental when storing forage or grain-based feeds. To prevent decomposition and mold, keep feed in cool, dry environments

with tightly sealed containers to keep out moisture, insects, and rodents. Oxidation affects short-lived vitamins, especially B-vitamins like biotin. High humidity or moisture exposure can lead to mycotoxin production in cereal grains, which poses health risks for horses. All grains are susceptible to mold and mycotoxin development.

Stored Grain Longevity: Feed should have few broken kernels, be kept in low-moisture conditions (less than 13%), and be protected from insects and rodents. Humidity, temperature, insect infestation, and air exposure impact shelf life. Store bags on pallets and avoid stacking them more than five high, especially in humid climates. Sealed bags last longer than open ones. Once a bag is open, feed quality degrades due to air, humidity, and heat exposure. Adding molasses or oil to grain mixes increases moisture levels and affects shelf life. High-fat feeds spoil quickly due to oxidation, which degrades fats and fat-soluble vitamins. Manufacturers add preservatives to slow oxidation, mold, and bacterial growth, but storage conditions determine deterioration. During summer, feed shelf life decreases with rising temperatures and humidity. It's recommended to keep only as much grain as can be fed within three to six weeks or install air conditioning in storage rooms if purchasing large volumes

In preparation for natural disasters, it is crucial to stock up on at least a week's worth of provisions for horses, including forage alternatives like cubed or pelleted hay, and complete feeds with over 20% fiber. Safe drinking water is vital, requiring 10 to 20 gallons per horse daily, which can be disinfected through boiling, bleach, or purification tablets.



UMECRA TRAIL GRANT REQUEST

Trail grants are provided to public trails only and are for an organization, not individuals.
Requests will be reviewed and voted on at each board meeting three times a year.

Send completed form to: Janet Sarver 5670 Foxboro Lane, Wyoming MN 55092 or email to Jsarver662@gmail.com.

Date: _____

UMECRA Member making request: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Amount of request (\$500 maximum): _____

Date money is needed: _____

Name required on check if grant is approved:

The name needs to be an organization name; not an individual name.

Address to send check:

Please explain the reason for request. Include:

- What the money will be designated for (be specific)? You can use back of form or submit more information if needed.
 - How UMECRA will benefit from granting this request?
 - How UMECRA will be recognized for this request ?
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For Office Use Only:

Date Rec'd _____
Check # _____
Amount \$ _____
DB entered? _____
QB Receipt# _____

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**UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND
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MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Membership year: _____

Credit Card option available online at
www.payumecra.com/membership

SELECT ONE:

RENEWAL ☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐

SELECT MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

Family \$45 ☐

Single \$35 ☐

Minor* \$10 ☐

*Under 18 as of Dec 1 (beginning of ride season)

SELECT MEDIA PREFERENCE:

Electronic Newsletter - \$0 ☐

Mailed Newsletter - \$10 ☐

Electronic Ride Book - \$0 ☐

Mailed Ride Book - \$10 ☐

Ride Book is available for free by downloading the PDF file at www.umecra.com on the Schedule page.

*Family memberships shall consist of one or more related, or coupled as significant other, adults, and/or children of such adults who are less than 18 years of age, all of whom reside in the same household. Please include all names of eligible family members below.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and LEGIBLY!

AERC MEMBER NUMBER(s) (if applicable): _____

UMECRA MEMBERSHIP NUMBER(S): _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number (s): _____

Email: _____

Do you have a new horse? To obtain a UMECRA number for your horse, or report a new AERC number please contact the pointskeeper (ajdavisaussies@gmail.com) and the webmaster (n.mauserstorer@outlook.com)

If you do NOT want your name and contact info in the membership book, check this box: ☐

Pay online at payumecra.com/membership OR mail completed form along with check made out to UMECRA to:

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