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TERA Year End Winners! - 2006

Limited Distance High Mileage Rider -- In 1st place, with 210 TERA miles, is **Ginger Alsup** on Crackerjacks Design! Tied for 2nd place (160 miles each): **Sheila Dale** on Blue and **Jillian Alsup** on Sir Tasmin; 3rd place (155 miles): **Khristen Seymore** on HRZ Bask O Fire. **High Mileage Featherweight Rider** -- In a tie for 1st place (250 TERA miles): **Jennifer Noblin** on L.D. Crystal Lite and **Vicki Holzer** on VGH Windsift Francie! 2nd place, (200 miles): **Jennifer Noblin** on Marindah. Tied for 3rd place, (155 TERA miles) **Patsy Hoffman** on HHCC Eowyn Dax and **Elizabeth Russell** on DJB Double Trouble. **High Mileage Lightweight Rider** -- In 1st place (360 miles): **Deb Stewart** on Tsupreme Final. 2nd place (355 miles): **Donna Thompson** on Abha Amiir. Tied for 3rd (305 miles each): **Edie Booth** on AAS Fahd Alwalida+/ and **Carol Kight** on Mr. Freckles. **High Mileage Middleweight Rider** -- In 1st place (360 miles): **Kim Reeves** on Casey O Stubby. In 2nd place (275 miles): **Michael Campbell** on AH Diamond Bezska. In 3rd (250 miles): **Hank Copeland** on BA Bearcat. **High Mileage Heavyweight Rider** -- In 1st place (605 miles): **Mike Maul** on Rroco-My-Soul! Tied for 2nd (205 miles): **Thomas Booth** on AAS Hadeed+ and **Al Prescott** on QT Lefty. In 3rd (200 miles): **Thomas Booth** on AAA Al Sakb+. **High Mileage Junior Rider**, with 100 endurance miles: **Mathew Urban** on Marbu Drusilla! Honorable mention was needed for 2 Juniors with some amazing LD miles. **Gatlin Dale** has completed 13 of 15 LD rides for 340 TERA miles. **Gunn Dale** has completed 12 of 13 LD rides for 320 TERA miles! **Overall High Mileage Rider**, with an amazing 605 miles is Mike Maul on an equally amazing horse, Rroco-My-Soul! In 2nd (tie at 450 miles): **Jennifer Noblin** on 2 horses and **Vicki Holzer** on 3 horses! In 3rd (405 miles) on 2 horses is **Thomas Booth**. **Overall High Mileage Horse**, with 605 miles is Rroco-My-Soul ridden by Mike Maul! In 2nd place (tie with 360 miles): Casey O Stubby ridden by Kim Reeves and Tsupreme Final ridden by Deb Stewart. In 3rd (355 miles): Abha Amiir ridden by Donna Thompson. For the inaugural year of 2006, the **TERA Family Award**, with a total of 810 TERA miles, goes to **Vicki and Cameron Holzer!** And the **TERA Husband and Wife Award**, with a total of 500 miles, goes to **Ross and Dawn Carrie!**

And our Subjective Awards:

Veterinarian of the Year: Dr. Gail Conway, Dr. Denise Easterling, Dr. Carter Hounsel, Dr. Val Jaffe, Dr. Linda Reznicek, and Dr. Dennis Seymour!

Ride Manager of the Year

This year, a particular Ride Manager Couple accomplished several amazing things! Bo and Linda Parrish put on a ride where they had to literally tow in every vehicle to be parked and tow out a fair number of vehicles — about 10 inches of rain fell for 2 days before the ride. Bo and Linda debated seriously about canceling the ride, but decided not to, mostly due to encouragement from endurance riders. They had to completely reroute a large portion of trail, including a 100-mile trail! Their other absolutely amazing accomplishment that weekend was the 25th anniversary of the Armadillo Ride

Volunteer of the Year

Paulette Brehob and Peter Ansorge—did the lion's share of the work for the 2006 AERC Convention in San Antonio. They did an amazing job! Thank you, Paulette and Peter for all of your hard work!!

Horse and Rider of the Year

Our Horse and Rider of the Year is Rroco-My-Soul and Mike Maul!! Mike and Roc had a great year! In the 2006 ride year, they completed 21 of 22 rides, and on the ride they didn't complete—Rroc had fallen and skinned his leg—that was what resulted in the pull. Anyway, they rode 1080 miles in 2006, 605 of them TERA miles. Also, at the Lone Star ride this Thanksgiving, Rroc went over 5000 miles! 5085 is what his AERC record shows—and all but about 800 of those are with Mike!! Congratulations to Mike and Roc—our Horse and Rider of the Year!!

Congratulations to all!

TERA Year End Awards Program

All award recipients must be TERA members in good standing for the year for which the awards are being given. Awards are figured based on TERA sponsored rides only. Limited Distance and Endurance miles are calculated as separate mileages.

Overall High Mileage Rider is based on the mileage completed by one rider riding any number of equines.

Overall High Mileage Horse is based on the mileage completed by one equine with any number of riders.

The following awards are based on the mileage completed by one rider riding one equine:

Limited Distance High Mileage
High Mileage Featherweight
High Mileage Lightweight
High Mileage Middleweight
High Mileage Heavyweight
High Mileage Junior

High Mileage Husband/Wife award is given to the couple with the most combined mileage ridden.

High Mileage Family award is based on the total miles ridden by two or more family members.

The following awards do not have to be given every year. These recipients are chosen by the Board of Directors and Officers

People

1994 – Linda & Bo Parrish
1995 – Darolyn Butler / Pat French
1996 – Ann Pfeiffer
1998 – Sylvia & David Fant

based on the following criteria:

Rookie Rider of the Year

New to the sport, may be endurance and/or limited distance; number of completions; positive attitude; seeking knowledge of the sport; overall contribution to the sport; and improvement/progression.

Volunteer of the Year

Support at TERA rides; contribution to TERA, riders, and equines; number of rides attended; positive feedback from riders, managers and other volunteers; support/promotion of the sport. Rider or non-rider.

Veterinarian of the Year

Contribution to TERA, TERA members and equines; number of TERA rides vetted; positive feedback from riders, managers, animals and volunteers, support/promotion of the sport; seeking knowledge and improvement in skills related to the sport, encouragement/education to riders, participants, one-time spectacular contribution (saving animal/human life, etc.)

Ride Manager of the Year

Safe, well-marked trail; superior organization—camp, registration, P/R and vet checks, availability of professional emergency personnel and equipment,

Equines:

1994 – “Uno” - owned by Darolyn Butler
1995 – “Spider” - owned by Jenny Simpson
1996 – Kash – owned by Bobbie Barber

general flow of things, etc; level of commitment—extra events, unique prizes, more than one ride, attendance at ride manager clinics; adequate vet staff—number of vets per riders, introduction & preparation of new vets; overall—sizable ride, new riders, and positive feedback.

Horse and Rider of the Year

TERA member & equine, but not limited to TERA events only, spectacular achievement, may be any distance; embodies spirit of AERC “To Finish Is To Win!” in relationship of mount and rider—concern of horse foremost; competitive but fair & honest.

Hall of Fame Person

Longterm contribution to sport; best exemplifies “To Finish Is To Win!”. Person must also have been officer, director, ride manager, regular volunteer, regular vet, etc. – someone who has given to the sport and TERA; does not have to be a rider.

Hall of Fame Equine

Cumulative lifetime achievement. Perhaps has overcome adversity and continued on. The horse people remember and talk about.

Trail Markers is published quarterly.

Deadline for the next issue is **June 1.**

Wanna be published?
Get it in!

Ride What You've Got!

By Kim Reeves

Although the majority of the horses ridden in endurance are Arabians, other breeds can do it, too! Riders who choose to ride the "off breeds" just need to realize they probably won't out run the Arabians, but they can be competitive by accumulating the miles.

These riders will have to work harder at the vet checks to get the heat out and to get the pulse down and will need to use a different strategy during the ride. This might require slowing down sooner before arriving at the vet checks, pulling tack and figuring out what your horse likes that will make him drop his pulse. A good crew at the vet checks will help you get the horse down to criteria faster and back on trail within the hold times. These two points are important when you ride at a slower pace. Otherwise, you might risk riding over time.

Criteria seems to be set up for Arabians, who naturally have a lower working pulse rate. When criteria is set low to prevent them from racing, it hurts the heavy muscled horses that have higher working pulse rates. A properly conditioned Quarter horse will pre-vet in at the same pulse rate as the Arabians. But once these heavier muscled horses start moving they don't come back down as quickly. Expect to pulse in at whatever the criteria limit is. If criteria is 15 and your horse has a CRI of 15/15, you are doing great. New vets tend to worry that something is wrong when the "off breeds" pulse is higher than Arabians. Don't worry about the 8 and 9s that the Arabians come in at.

Heavier muscled horses tend to require more electrolytes that contain higher calcium rates. This aids in getting them through the vet checks and the ride in better shape. These horses also tend to do better in cold weather than the Arabians. They don't really need rump rugs. On the other hand, Arabians do better at the hot rides.

Some veterinarians will think something is wrong when the slow, easy going horse is not trotting out with fire in his stride or if they have a different way of traveling. Gail Conway would always say to the vet as he trotted his Foxtrotter out, "This is a Foxtrotter. This is a Foxtrotter." This is why it is often hard to compete for Best Condition against the Arabians, just go for the high vet scores. (If an off-breed is in the top ten, it is usually because the Arabians ahead of him have been pulled for lameness or metabolic problems, or there were only ten horses that started the ride!)

Look at the records of high mileage horses. You will see that a lot of these are not Arabians and are ridden by conservative riders. Examples are: Don Funk's mustang Geronimo, John Parkes' Icelandic, Remington, Sue Phillips' Quarter Horses, and Mike Jaffe's mule, Coyote, to name a few. There have been non-Arabians that have done well at the Tevis ride. The "off breeds" are not restricted to limited distance because of their size and muscling. It seems that the riders of "off breed" endurance horses go with the theory of hauling just one horse to rides, be it one day rides or multi-day rides, and riding conservatively and working hard at making sure their horse successfully completes each ride.

You don't have to go out and buy an Arabian to start riding endurance. Begin by riding whatever breed you have, then later you can decide if you want to change. Riding an Arabian is definitely easier from a criteria standpoint and usually faster on a flat ride, but other breeds can be competitive on a mileage basis and sometimes excel on rough terrain rides. Just ride with the intent to finish and you and your non-Arab horse will have a successful endurance career.

TEXAS ENDURANCE RIDERS ASSOCIATION

2007 Membership Application / Renewal Form

Date of Application: _____

Name _____ TERA # _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____

Phone(_____) _____ Phone (wk) (_____) _____

Email Address _____

Circle One: Single (1 vote) \$25 per year Family (2 votes) \$35 per year

Circle One: Renewal New Membership

For family memberships, list each member separately and add relationship:

Please check all that apply:

- I ride 50 - 100 mile or multi-day rides only.
- I ride Limited Distance rides, but would like to move up to 50's when I/my equine are ready.
- I have worked at endurance rides as ride manager ride secretary vet secretary timer p/r person other _____
- I haven't ridden a ride yet, but am very interested in the sport and would like more information.
- I ride Limited Distance rides and don't plan to ride a longer distance.
- I ride whichever distance seems to suit the conditioning of my horse and me at any given ride.
- I have ridden several rides and would consider "giving back to the sport" by managing a ride.

Please make Checks Payable To: **TERA** and send payment & application to:

Donna Nicholson
10261 Old Seguin Luling Rd.
Kingsbury, TX 78638

With membership in TERA you will receive a membership card with your number. Your membership also brings you a subscription to *Trail Markers*, the newsletter of the Texas Endurance Riders Association. If you do not receive a copy within the second full month of your membership, please contact:

Sherrie Reimers, P. O. Box 638, McQueeney, TX 78123 email: skreimers@aol.com

TERA RIDE MANAGERS CLINIC - 2007

Saturday, August 18

10:00 am - 4:00 pm (Join us at 9:00 am for coffee and donuts)

Parrie Haynes Ranch, Equestrian Center

201 Gann Branch Rd.

Killeen, TX 76549

254-554-3970

For Directions: www.tpwd.state.tx.us/learning/phr/directions.phtml

To get to the Equestrian Center from the general directions: After you turn onto Maxdale Rd., you will go straight past the main entrance to Parrie Haynes. Keep going straight about 3 miles. Turn left to the Equestrian Center. There will be a sign.

Please join us on Saturday, August 18, 2007, at Parrie Haynes Ranch to learn everything you ever wanted to know about being a TERA Ride Manager. This event is guaranteed to be fun and informative. We will provide coffee and donuts in the morning. At lunch, TERA will provide a lunch meal. TERA will also pay your camping fee, so feel free to bring your horse and trailer and camp overnight on Saturday night. You can ride the trails at Parrie Haynes Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Please RSVP no later than July 10 with Ann Goolsby at eagooolsby@aol.com or 214-244-5483 (cell) 940-964-2655 (home). We need an accurate count of attendees in order to reserve the correct number of camping sites. Electric hook-ups and water are available.

Sponsor for TERA-sponsored Rides

TERA member and rider Ross Carrie is offering to help sponsor all 2007 TERA-sponsored rides through his forestry and wildlife consulting company, Raven Environmental Services. Raven will provide ride managers \$100 per day for each TERA-sponsored ride (\$200 for two-day rides, etc.) to help with ride expenses. Ross would like to see more ride managers make their rides TERA rides. He hopes that Raven's sponsorship will help ride managers with their rides. Thanks, Ross!

Newcomer's Meeting

And don't forget that at each TERA ride there is a special meeting for "newbies". Presented by a member of the Board of Directors, this informative session is held on Friday evening. There should be signs posted giving the time and location. If not, be sure to ask the ride manager.

So, if you see someone wandering around looking lost when you get to a ride, send them to the Newcomer's Meeting! You might even want to come along yourself ... even, though (since you're reading this) you couldn't possibly be a newcomer yourself! You never know what you might learn!

2007 TERA & Central Region Ride Calendar

Mar 10 -- Heart of the Hills 25/50/75

Boerne, Texas
Chris Godsey
518 Summit Trail, Boerne, TX 78006 US
godsey2@gvtc.com

Mar 17 -- Okmulgee Cougar Prowl 25/50

Okmulgee Game Management Area
Louise Burton
5220 Honey Creek Rd, Okmulgee, OK 74447
firedancefarms@prodigy.net

Mar 31 --Eagle Ranch Spring Roundup25/50

Collins, MO
Jane Huff, 417-759-7441
9040 Southeast Hwy J, Collins, MO 64738
huffyj@ipa.net

April 14 -- Sunflower Classic 30/55/75

Hillsdale Lake, Hillsdale KS
Susan Keil, 913-856-3660
30837 W. 231 St, Spring Hill, KS 66083
susankeil@yahoo.com

April 28 -- No Hands Roller Coaster 25/50

Greensfelder County Park, Eureka, MO
Lisa Norris, 314-283-8529
20 Olvera Circle, Florissant, MO 63031
lnorrismt@yahoo.com

May 5 -- Dodge City Shoot Out 50

Dodge City, KS
Courtney Hart, 785-218-3265
1431 N. 1900 Rd., Lawrence, KS 66044
sfthorserace@aol.

May 12—Texas Bluebonnet Classic 25/50/100

/AHA 50/100 Reg 9 Chmpship
LBJ Grasslands, Decatur TX
Carla Jo Bass 972-617-8233
1206 Tater Brown, Red Oak, TX
Tadra.org or rebelcjb@yahoo.com

July 28—Mid-Summer Night`s Madness 25/50

Clayton, OK
Katrina Mosshammer 405-590-3425
ammosshammer@hotmail.com
10941 Cherokee Way, Lexington, OK 73051

Sept 01—Unicorn Hunt I 25/50/100

Davy Crockett National Forest
David J. Fant 936-655-4048
sfant@possumwalkfarms.com
3901 North Possum Walk Road, Kennard, TX 75847

Sept 02—Unicorn Hunt II 25/50

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Sept 15—Movin On Up 50

Okmulgee Game Management
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5220 Honey Creek Rd, Okmulgee, OK 74447

Sept 22—Llano Estacado Challenge I 25/50

Lake Merideth Rec Area, North of Amarillo TX
Doug Blashill
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8580 Haimes St., Amarillo, TX 79118

Sept 23— Llano Estacado Challenge II 25/50

Lake Merideth Rec Area, North of Amarillo TX
Doug Blashill
d.blashill@worldnet.att.net
8580 Haimes St., Amarillo, TX 79118

Oct 6—Indian Territory Elevator Ride 25/50

Blue Creek Campground, Lake Oolagah, OK
Susan Young 918-683-0539
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2311 Dayton St, Muskogee, OK 74403

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