

TRAIL MARKERS

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RJDE MANAGER CLINIC – 2008

We had a wonderful turnout for the TERA Ride Manager Clinic for 2008. On Saturday, August 16, 2008, twenty-six TERA members met to brainstorm, share ideas, and share experience. We talked about the nuts and bolts of putting on a ride, of course, but we also shared strategies for increasing participation and really making the rides quality events. Of course, safety for equine and rider is always stressed.

The meeting was held at Parrie Haynes Ranch northwest of Austin. Some participants were able to bring their horses, camp, and ride as well. The weather actually cooperated. It was cloudy with a high of about 85-90 degrees, pretty unusual for August. We will look forward to a great ride year with all our TERA trained Ride Managers!

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www.aerccentralregion.org

And Speaking of Ride Managers ...

Let's Make Their Lives a Little Easier

We provide AERC numbers for ourselves and our horses every time we enter a ride. The numbers we give though can create a problem for the ride manager.

Almost every horse and member registered after December 1, 1995 has an H preceding the horse number and an M preceding the member number.

Giving your number without the H or M can be a different horse or member. H12345 can be a different horse than 12345 and the same for a member.

Numbers for members and horses prior to Dec. 1, 1995 are often 4 digits or less and have no H or M.

There are a few exceptions because for a while members were allowed to choose their own numbers. I know of one member whose AERC number is her date of birth. Another rider chose 777777, 888888, and 121212 for horse numbers prior to 1996. The office doesn't allow that now.

You can always find your AERC number and your horses number online at:

<http://www.doublejoy.com/erol/aerc/lookup/lookup.asp> where you enter one word from the name in the box. Click on the correct link in the lower left frame when it displays. If you don't use the full number, your ride manager may have trouble sending your results correctly to the office. You may end up being listed as riding a different horse than you actually rode.

Another common problem for ride managers is an illegible number. So write or print your correct number for ride entries and make life a little easier for your ride managers and office.

**Have you joined our
Yahoo Group yet?**

See the website for a link!

www.TexasEnduranceRiders.org

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 **December 1.**

 Wanna be published?
 Get it in!

TERA Treasurer Report Beginning February 10 through May 30, 2008

Beginning Balance	\$ 6,261.88
Expenditures	
Yahoo Internet fee x 3	35.85
March through May	
2007 TERA Awards	221.00
TERA Ride Manager Handbook	431.92
2008 Old Glory Expenditures	4,775.09
Rudy's BBQ	361.75
	\$5,825.61
Deposits	
2008 TERA memberships	695.00
2008 Old Glory	5,600.00
	\$6,295.00
 Ending Balance	 \$6,731.27

Carol L. Kight , Treasurer 2008

2008 Old Glory Expenditures (Includes Rudy's BBQ)	\$5,136.84
2008 Old Glory Deposits	\$5,600.00
Profit for 2008 Old Glory	\$ 463.16

2008 TERA & Central Region Ride Calendar

Sept 13 -- Okmulgee Cougar Prowl 25/50
Okmulgee Game Management Area
Louise Burton
(firedancefarms@prodigy.net)
5220 Honey Creek Rd, Okmulgee, OK 74447

Oct 18 -- Fall No Hands Roller Coaster 25/50
Greensfelder County Park, Eureka MO
Lisa Sargent 314-283-8529
(rid3sfar@yahoo.com) fax:314-997-3248
20 Olvera Circle, Florissant, MO 63031

Sept 20 & 21 -- Llano Estacado Challenge I & II 30/55
Lake Merideth Rec Area (Plum Creek), North of Amarillo TX; d.blashill@worldnet.att.net
Doug Blashill 806-622-8583
(d.blashill@worldnet.att.net)
8580 Haimes St., Amarillo, TX 79118

Oct 25 -- Armadillo 25/50/100
Davy Crockett National Forest, Kennard, TX
Bo Parrish 936-222-3178
(bop@valornet.com)
2222 County Road 4625, Kennard, TX 75847

Sept 27 -- Texas Tango 25/50
7IL Ranch, Cat Springs TX
Debbie G. Linebarger 281-703-0909
(texas-tango@hotmail.com) fax:979-826-6301
39748 Chambers Road, Hempstead, TX 77445

Nov 8 & 9 -- Road Warrior I 50 & II 30/50
Van Zanot Co, Texas
Linn Booth 903-848-9425
(desertbred@hotmail.com)
P.O. Box 224, Canton, TX 75103

Oct 4 -- Indian Territory Elevator Ride 25/50
Blue Creek Campground, Lake Oologah near Foyil, OK
Susan Young 918-685-0072
(glenn218@yahoo.com)
2311 Dayton St, Muskogee, OK 74403-4816

Nov 28 & 29 Lone Star I & II 25/50
Hill Country State Natural Area
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