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2009 AERC Central Region Championship

On Saturday, May 23, 2009 at about 4am Ann McFarland and Patsy Hoffman started their quest to become the 2009 AERC Central Region 100 Mile Champion. Unfortunately, Ann McFarland got pulled in the 100 mile endeavor. Patsy Hoffman and HHCC Edwyn Dav finished before midnight to become the 1st AERC Central Region 100 mile Champion. Patsy received a beautiful 1st Place Trophy, a Best Condition Cooler, and a Top Ten Belt Buckle. Patsy even commented that she felt this ride was harder than The Big Horn in Wyoming that she finished last summer. The Championship ride was held in conjunction with the Jo Tate Memorial Ride in SW Missouri managed by Jodi Hess-Schlup.

The spring foliage was abundant. One rider was overheard saying they were having a green overload. Some riders in other parts of the central region can only dream of having so much green all around them. Needless to say, water and grass were everywhere on the trail. Southwest Missouri is in the Ozark Mountains so the ride had many long pulls up and many long down hills. The weather was warm and humid without much of a breeze. The woods got pretty stifling at times.

The Jo Tate Memorial Ride campground also created another challenge in seeing how many living quarters' rigs you can fit on the hill tops in the middle of the woods. Everyone was good humored about how intimately you got to know your neighbor. The campground is definitely not a place where each horse gets their own South-40 for a pony.

The 35 Mile Championship ride was also held on Saturday, May 23, 2009. Jennifer Funk from Texas made the trip to the ride and cleared up. She was the first to finish of sixteen starters. Jennifer and her mount JD Jolley won a 1st Place Trophy, Best Condition Cooler, and Top Ten Belt Buckle. A total of thirteen riders finished the challenging course in the following order, Molly Wilson, Susan Kell, Darline Harvey, John Harvey, Rosemarie Doyle, Monica Chapman, Debbie Linebarger, Priscilla Arthur, and Sandy Snelling all received Top Ten Belt Buckles. Mike Jaffe, Jane Huff, and Christina Kinnery finished out the placings. Christina Kinnery and BHR Hosans Showdown were first time competitors and they received a trophy donated by the Fun's from Texas for being the first junior team to finish.

On Sunday, May 24, 2009, sixteen riders started out on the 50 Mile Championship ride. Sheila Dale and her Spanish Mustang, Blue By You set the pace. Sheila and Blue won first place, but Louiso Burton and Ann I Blue, aka Ducky, were second place and won the best Condition Cooler. There must be something with horses named Blue in this ride. The following riders finished out the top ten and won belt buckles. Lisa Skalski, Gunn Dale, Gared Dale, Kathy Crothers, Jackie Halhorn, Kristin Fisher, Sue Phillips and Carl Beason. A total of thirteen riders finished the 50 mile competition with Karen Beason, Deb Stewart and Susan Young rounding out the finishers. Gunn Dale and Locomotive were the first juniors to finish the 50 mile ride and won the junior trophy donated by the Fun's.

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(Championship ride cont.)

All entrants and volunteers walked away with a great Championship T-shirts. Your AERC Directors would like to thank Judi Hess-Schlup, her family, and the volunteers. For letting us piggyback off of the Jo Tate Memorial Ride. The championship rides would not be possible without the focal ride managers allowing us to work with them in this endeavor. Doc Self and Jennie Hauser were great Yets and kept everyone in line. There were no major issues at the ride for the veterinarians but there were quite a few lameness pulls. Those Missouri rocks always get some horses out of a ride. We also need to thank OCFR and TERA for co-sponsoring the Championship Rides. Please join us in February 2010 at Freeze R Bunn in Decatur, TX for the 3rd AERC Central Region Championship Ride. Keep your eyes out for the entries. Please contact any of your directors located in the Central Region for information, Michael Campbell, Monica Chapman, Susan Keil, and Mike Mead. Our information is on the front cover of the Endurance News and we are also on the AERC website.

Armadillo News

We have been out there clearing trails and marking with more diamonds and arrows, so the trails should be a lot easier for the riders to follow now.

Trails are in really good shape. The slow rainfalls we've had put some water on trail so maybe we won't have to trailer water out to different spots.

There will be one out-of-camp check for everyone. This will be at the White Rock Horse Camp. Shade will be an issue if we don't get the cool weather Bo has asked for, so all of you send up your prayers. We will have drinks and snacks for everyone over there. Speaking of food, it is shaping up to be fabulous this year. Our cook won 1st prize at the Fort Hood cook-off, so he is anxious to see what you guys think of his cooking.

We have pink tee shirts for completion this year (... imagine that!) Sponsors for awards include Gulf Coast 4-Star Trailer Sales, Great Tack, Chris Godsey and LNB. We are always very grateful to anyone who would like to donate to the ride.

Can't wait to see all of you at the 28th annual Armadillo Endurance Ride.

2010 Texas Challenge Series!

Rae Callaway and Dawn Carrie are again sponsoring the Texas Challenge Series! To promote teamwork between horse and rider, the award will be for horse and rider teams (saddle horse and rider) that complete all three rides in the Series. The rides in the Series will change each year, but the selection method will remain the same - one ride will be selected from each of the different types of terrain: hill country/technical, forest, and easier/flatter terrain.

Awards will be embroidered jackets, windbreakers, vests, or something similar, featuring the names of the horse and rider team. There will be an LD division and an endurance division. For two-day rides, horse/rider teams only need to complete one day.

Riders may nominate themselves and their horse into that year's Series for a one-time entry fee of \$25 prior to starting the first ride of the Series. Should a rider decide to enter the Series after completing the Series' first ride, the fee is \$40. No entries will be accepted after the start of the second ride. Nomination fees will be set aside in a special account to help support the Challenge Series awards.

The rides chosen for the 2010 Texas Challenge Series are:

Shanghai Trails (March 27-28)

Old Glory (May 29-30)

Off Road Warrior (Nov. 6-7)

Make your plans now to attend these rides and meet the Challenge!

To nominate for the Texas Challenge Series, and for complete rules, contact Rae Callaway (raecallaway@wildwind.com) or Dawn Carrie (dawn@wildwind.com)

The Post Oak Savannah occupies the Western Gulf Coast Plain that lies between the pine forests of deep East Texas and the Black Land Prairie to the West, that makes it the Western edge of the Eastern U. S. Woodlands. It is a vegetational region characterized by hardwood forests mixed with prairies. The forests are comprised of a variety of species of nut bearing oaks and hickories which played a vital part in the prehistoric occupation of the land by the Native Americans prior to 3000 years ago. The abundance of white tailed deer, turkeys and small mammals additionally provided for the occupation of a large population of Native Americans with a high frequency of archaeological sites dating to the late Holocene period. It is not unusual to find dart tips and arrowheads in this area; there are also bone, shell, and other tools and ornaments.

The mean annual temperature of the area for the ride, northwest of Athens, TX, is approximately 65 degrees and the annual rainfall is about 40 inches, with drainage provided to the Southeast by the Trinity River. The growing season is ~250 days. The first average frost date is approximately Nov. 15 -22. The rainfall this year should make good color in the autumn leaves of the hardwoods.

There have been three major rides held on this trail on a private ranch: the first "Off Road Warrior" in 2008, the TERA benefit Old Glory in the spring of 2009, and a competitive trail event held in September of 2009. The Post Oak Challenge, scheduled for March in 2010, follows the upcoming Off Road Warrior of Nov. 7 and 8, 2009. Both rides are managed by members of the Booth family, who have been significant in the development of Texas Endurance riding for 30 years.

It is not a flat ride, nor is it very difficult, but includes a moderate amount of technical woods turns and medium small hills. One of the challenges for riders is to understand the additional work for the horse on the occasional sand areas. There is water on the trail and additional water fanned in significant points of the trail loops.

Come on out the first week of November and experience an East Texas hard wood autumn ride with cool weather... watch for turkey, deer, armadillos, raccoons, possums.... Your lunch is included in the entry fee and ready anytime after about 11 AM. It promises to be another fun TERA event with the usual complement of competent veterinarians and volunteer staff!!

2009-10 TERA & Central Region Ride Calendar

October 17 – Armadillo	November 27-28 – June Star I & II 50/25
Davy Crockett National Forest, Kennard, TX	Hill Country State Natural Area
Bo Parrish 936-852-3532 or 936-222-3178	Debbie Allen 281-431-2993
losp@velo.net.com	adiamond2@peoplepc.com
2222 County Road 4625 Kennard, TX 75847	7821 County Road 383 Rosharon, TX 77583
October 27 & 30 – AHA National Championship 100 & 50	November 27-28 – Season Finale I & II 50/25
400/SW25	Bell Cow Lake, Chandler, OK
Lake Carl Blackwell - Stillwater, OK	Susan Young 918-685-6072
Jan Stevens/AHA office 303-696-4500	glenn218@yahoo.com
info@arabianhorses.com	2311 Dayton St Muskogee, OK 74403-4816
16805 E. Bellway Dr Aurora, CO 80014	January 2-3 – High Roller I & II 50/25
October 31 – Witch Way?1 50/25	714 Ranch Cat Spring TX
Lake Carl Blackwell Stillwater, OK	David Roznick 979-865-0011
Befinda Hope Skiles 620-382-2760	David@714Trails.com
1914 Quail Creek Rd Marion, KS 66861	5389 Mill Creek Rd Cat Spring, TX 78933
November 7-8 – Off Road Warrior I & II 50/25	February 13-14 – Freeze 'R Burn
Van Zant county, Texas	LEB Grasslands
Eddie Broeth 903-848-9425	Bobby Wallis 972-962-2596
described@bho@mail.com	hobbydean@anb.com
P.O. Box 224 Canton, TX 75103	8792 CR 135 Kaufman, TX 75142

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TERA Treasurer Report

Beginning April 6, 2009 through October 1, 2009

Beginning Balance \$ 4,426.48

Old Glory Financial Statement 2009

DEBITS

Expenditures		
Value Internet Fee - 6 mos.	77.70	
U S Postmaster	26.40	
Old Glory Expenditures	4,850.00	
AERC Old Glory Ride Fees	1,003.00	
UPS Newsletter	97.13	
Equisure Insurance	1,889.56	
2009 Ride Managers Clinic	215.11	
Reimbursement to Scott Godwin	70.00	
Sanctioning fees for 2010 O.Glory		
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,228.90	

T-shirt Printing \$ 795.00

Trace Trails Rental 400.00

Part 2 parties 320.00

Trail marking expenses 175.00

Lee Bateman - food 1,025.00

Timers 600.00

Veterinarian Salaries 2,550.00

Trace Trails Rider fee

(\$10.00 for 124 riders) 1,240.00

Riders Refunds 60.00

Robin Horvitz - Misc. expenses 250.00

Total \$ 7,115.00

CREDITS

Old Glory Deposits \$ 10,615.00

Total 1,364.00

Total \$ 11,979.00

Balance \$ 4,564.00

Ending Balance \$ 8,611.58

Carol L. Kight, Treasurer 2009
Texas Endurance Riders Association

2010 AERC CENTRAL REGION CHAMPIONSHIP

AERC Central Region Championship

Held in conjunction with Freeze R Burn

Endurance Rides

LBJ Grasslands by Decatur, Tx

25 & 75 Mile Championship Sat. Feb. 13,

2010

50 Mile Championship Sun. Feb. 14, 2010

Ride flyer/entry form attached

The balance does not include owed AERC fees and non-member fees.





Meeting called to order
introduction of board members:

Dianne Campbell – President	Kim Reeves
Ann Goodisby – Vice President	Dawn Carrie
Carol Kight – Treasurer	AJ Priscoff
Tammy Powell – Secretary	

Minutes from fall meeting were read by Tammy Powell

Treasurer's Report: Carol Kight reported a balance of \$4,426.48.

New TERA members were announced.

Old Business: Carol Kight has a supply of TERA t-shirts and decals that are still available for purchase.

The Fam's, Parrish's and Campbell's met with representatives of the Davy Crockett National Forest to discuss this fall's endurance rides. Unicorn Hunt and Armadillo have been approved. Both rides will be allowed to establish one connecting trail from their private property to the existing permanent trails. The Forest Service suggested we apply for grants to improve the Piney Woods trailhead. Although this would be too small to accommodate an endurance ride it would demonstrate our commitment to working together with the Forest Service; 10% of the grant value would have to come from TERA – this can be monetary or donated labor

New Business: We are planning a Ride Managers Meeting at 71L on August 15 and 16 with August 8 and 9 as our backup dates. Saturday we're hoping to host an educational seminar provided by AERC. Beyond The Basics. This would be open to all AERC members free of charge. The Ride Managers Meeting is scheduled to take place the following day. TERA ride managers must participate in the clinic a minimum of once every three years.

We are also seeking a Ride Manager for Old Glory for next year. The date will be Memorial Day weekend but the location is open. Dianic Campbell presented a personalized polo shirt to Robin Howze in recognition of her contributions to Old Glory. A personalized shirt was also given to Lee Bateman for her assistance.

RFD TV attended Old Glory and was scheduled to film on Sunday, April 12th.

Meeting adjourned

TEXAS TANGO! THE DANCE OF HORSESI

Tango! Tango! Tango! The Texas Tango was the ultimate "dance with your horse" ride. With 127 riders, including 38 fifty milers, 74 twenty-five milers and 15 intro riders, there was a whole lot of dancing going on! The ride was held at 71L Ranch in Cat Springs, Texas on September 26th. The weather was typical Texas, hot and sunny, creeping to around 94 degrees.

Ramp buzzed with activity starting at 4:00AM when the cook tent started preparing breakfast. Lunch and dinner were also offered. Volunteers worked long, hard hours without complaint. Several riders jumped in to help when they finished. Thanks to all above. With everyone's help we had a true endurance village!

First in the 50 went to Cynthia Metteson on Serenata, with BC going to Sue Edwards on Man Tar. First in the 25 and BC went to Claudine Horn on My Sassy Shasta. All Intro Riders had a great time and finished with smiles on their faces. OH the potential for new Endurance Riders. The heat and sand were tough obstacles, slowing finish times from last year. Congratulations to all who finished!

A special thank you to our sponsors: ASAP Trailers, D & D Feed and the ever-present TERA. Thank you to the vets (baptisms by fire for Jr. Mall Randall), our new vet from California) Thank you to the volunteers. Thank you to the riders. All of you together make the rides possible! Hope to see you next year!

AERC Central Region Championship

Held in conjunction with Freeze R Burn Endurance Rides

LBJ Grasslands by Decatur, Tx

25 & 75 Mile Championship Sat. Feb. 13, 2010

50 Mile Championship Sun. Feb. 14, 2010

Concept: To bring Central Region Riders together to compete in a fun environment and for riders to experience rides from all areas of the central region. The ride will alternate each year from a southern ride to a northern ride.

Qualifications: Must be a member in good standing of the American Endurance Ride Conference Central Region.

25 Mile Qualifications: 150 lifetime AERC Miles Limited Distance or Endurance Miles on rider, 150 lifetime AERC Miles Limited Distance or Endurance Miles on Horse, of the 150 lifetime AERC miles 100 Limited Distance or Endurance Miles as a team.

50 Mile Qualifications: 300 lifetime AERC Endurance Miles on Rider, 300 lifetime AERC Endurance Miles on Horse, of the 300 lifetime AERC Endurance Miles 100 miles as a team.

75 Mile Qualifications: 400 lifetime AERC Endurance Miles on Rider, 400 lifetime AERC Endurance Miles on Horse, of the 400 lifetime AERC Endurance Miles at least one 75 or 100 Mile AERC ride as a team.

Awards: All entrants will receive a participation T-Shirt, Top Ten Belt Buckles, Trophies for Champion, a horse cooler for Best Condition, and a 1st Place Junior Award for each distance sponsored by The Fants.

Entry Fee & Deadline: Entry Form and \$25 fee must be postmarked no later than Jan. 13, 2010 A charge of \$10 is non-refundable if you don't start the ride. You must fill out appropriate paperwork to be cross entered in the Freeze R Burn Ride.

Ride Rules/Regulations: This ride will be conducted in accordance with AERC rules and regulations, and any additional rules ride management of Freeze R Burn imposes. For information regarding AERC rules, contact AERC (530) 823-2260 or visit the AERC website: www.aerc.org. Please contact Bobby Wallis ride manager of the Freeze R Burn for any additional rules. He can be reached at 972 962-2596.

Sponsors: Michael Campbell & Monica Chapman your AERC Central Region Directors, Susan Keil & Mike Maul your Directors At Large from Central Region, Texas Endurance Riders Association (TERA), and Ozark Country Endurance Riders (OCER).

Contact Information: Michael Campbell (254 698-1965 or mcampbell1@hotmail.com), Monica Chapman (913 471-4840 or LM_Farms@ckl.net), Susan Keil (913 856-3660 or susankeil@yahoo.com), or Mike Maul (713 725-7776 or mmaul@lash.net).

Join us for the 2011 AERC Central Region Championship at

Eagle Ranch Spring Fling in Collins, Mo in April 2011.

AERC Central Region Championship Ride Entry Form

Feb. 13 & 14, 2010

Rider Information:

Name: _____ AERC# _____ E-Mail Address _____

Address: _____ T-Shirt Size _____ Phone # _____

Horse Information: 25 Mile Championship Sat. Feb. 13, 2010

Name: _____ AERC# _____

Horse Information: 50 Mile Championship Sun. Feb. 14, 2010

Name: _____ AERC# _____

Horse Information: 75 Mile Championship Sat. Feb. 13, 2010

Name: _____ AERC# _____

Fees: Circle Distance 25 Mile Championship Sat. Feb. 13, 2010 \$25

50 Mile Championship Sun. Feb. 14, 2010 \$25

75 Mile Championship Sat. Feb. 13, 2010 \$25

Total _____

Make Check and Mail Entry to: **Monica Chapman**

8270 Wood Rd

Pleasanton, Ks 66075

Legal Release: As a participant in the AERC Central Region Championship and Freeze R Burn Endurance Ride, I agree to abide by the rules of the American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC), and Freeze R Burn Endurance Ride. I understand that Endurance riding involves being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communications, transportation, and medical facilities. I understand that these areas have many natural and man-made hazards that ride management cannot anticipate, identify, modify, or eliminate. I understand that horses can be excitable, unpredictable, difficult to control, and that accidents can happen to anyone at any time. I assume full responsibility for my animals and myself. I will hold the ride management, all ride personnel, and all property owners over whose land the ride takes place or crosses blameless for any accident, injury, or loss that might occur due to my participation in the ride and free from any liability for such loss or injury. I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree with the conditions of this legal release.

Medical Release: I give consent for, and will be financially responsible for, emergency medical treatment for myself if I'm unable to give informed consent. I acknowledge that I've read and agree with the conditions of this release:

Rider Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____
(for Juniors under 18)

Entry Must be Postmarked no later than Jan. 13, 2010

**Texas Endurance Riders Association
2010 Membership Application / Renewal Form**

Date of Application: _____

TERA # _____

Name _____
Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

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

Email address _____

Circle One: Single (one vote) \$25 per year Family (two 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:

Carol Knight

1807 Envoy

Spicewood, TX 78669

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 09/09

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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 mileage.

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 based on the following criteria:

Rankie 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 all 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 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; general Dow 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 -- sizeable ride, new riders and positive feedback.

Horse and Rider of the Year

TERA member and equine, but not limited to TERA events only; spectacular achievement, may be any discipline; embodiment of spirit of AERC motto "To Finish Is To Win!" in relationship of mount and rider - concern of horse foremost; competitive but fair and honest

Hall of Fame Person

Longterm contribution to sport; best of exemplifies "To Finish is to Win!" Person must also have been an officer, director, ride manager, regular volunteer, regular vet, etc - or 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.

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Association and is comprised of both their input and the opinion of the editor. Neither of which represent the organization's views or official stance. Of course, if there is no input from members, then you're pretty much stuck with the editor's opinions, which don't amount to much, really, but they can sometimes make interesting reading. Other times... well, the term "bird cage liter" comes to mind.

Deadline for the next issue is January 15

Wantna be published?
Please send

submissions/articles/notices to
rae.callaway@yahoo.com

