

TRAIL MARKERS

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Thank you TERA!

Ted and Kim Reeves want to sincerely thank our TERA family for their donation to Habitat for Horses in remembrance of Ted's mother, Dora, who died March 14. We deeply appreciate the thoughtfulness and friendship of all of you. This donation in her name means a lot to us. Thank you so much.

2009 Ride Manager's Clinic

The date and site for this year's Ride Manager's Clinic have not yet been definitively set, but that information should be available soon. Watch for announcements via e-mail, TERA's website, and the next newsletter!!

OLD GLORY is here!!!

This year Old Glory is early, April 11 and 12, and at a new ride site, Trace Trails. But it is still a wonderful ride with great trails and terrific people! We will have our Spring Membership Meeting on Saturday night, so be there for that as well! Please remember that Old Glory is TERA's only benefit ride, so help wherever you can, be it by time, effort, or financially. This ride is also our "training ground" for new ride managers, so be thinking if you would like to put on a ride in 2010. Next year we will be back on Memorial Day weekend but the ride site is open. Contact any Board member for more information.

Thank You,

DANIELLE LEWIS!!

Danielle Lewis has graciously agreed to manage TERA's website! She is doing a great job, so check it out!! If you have announcements for the club, please send them to danielle.lewis@us.army.mil. Our plan is to keep the website current and informative!

2009 CENTRAL REGION

CHAMPIONSHIP!!!

The Central Region Championship Ride is coming up soon. This year it will be held in conjunction with the Jo Tate Memorial ride that is held over Memorial Day Weekend (May 31 & 24, 2009) in SW Missouri. It is an awesome ride with some great technical climbs and lots of moving out on two track roads. Remember to participate in the Championship Part of the ride the horse and rider must be qualified. Please see enclosed entry for qualification requirements. Entries need to be postmarked no later than April 25 to participate in the Championship part of the ride. Riders can participate in the Jo Tate Memorial Ride without entering the Championship Ride. Every participant and volunteer gets a T-Shirt, top ten belt buckles, 1st place trophies, BC Cooler, and the Fans from Texas are sponsoring a junior award. So please everyone come join us for a great weekend. Please contact Monica Chapman (lm-farms@ckt.net) if you are interested in volunteering.

www.texasenduranceriders.org

www.aerccentralregion.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 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 knowl-

edge 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, 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 in January, April, July, and October.

It is distributed solely to members of the Texas Endurance Riders 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 liner” comes to mind.

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

Wanna be published?
Get it in!

2008-9 TERA & Central Region Ride Calendar

Apr 4 & 5 -- Eagle Ranch Spring Fling I & II 25/50

Eagle Ranch- Hwy 54 & 13, Collins, MO
Winnie Clutter 573-377-2585
(windo@centurytel.net)
21612 Hwy FF, Stover, MO 65078

May 9 & 10 -- Hog Scramble I & II 30/55/75

Southwest of Huntsville, Texas
Dawn K. Carrie 936 436-1654
(rdcarrie@aol.com)
556 FM 3179, Huntsville, TX 77340

Apr 11 & 12 -- Old Glory I, II 25/50

Trace Trails, Athens, TX
Robin Howze 214-244-5909
(rhowze@sbcglobal.net)
2005 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Heath, TX 75032

May 23 & 24 -- Jo Tate Memorial I & II 35/50/100 Central Region Championship

Washburn, Missouri
Jodi Hess-Schlup (schlupranch@mo-net.com)
7458 Vixen Rd, Pierce City, MO 65723

Apr 25 -- Texas Bluebonnet Classic, AHA Reg. IX Champ. 50 — 25/50/100

LBJ Grasslands, TX
Carla Jo Bass 972-617-8233
(rebelcjb@yahoo.com)
1206 Tater Brown, Red Oak, TX 75154

June 6 & 7 -- Llano Estacado Challenge 30/55

Lake Merideth Rec Area (Plum Creek), North of Amarillo TX; d.blashill@worldnet.att.net
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8580 Haines St., Amarillo, TX 79118

Treasurer's Report

Beginning October 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009

Beginning Balance	\$ 4,602.17
Expenditures	
Yahoo Internet fee x 5	64.75
October through February	
Mailing and office expenses	122.30
2009 TERA Cards	33.16
Shipping of Cards from printer	15.91
UPS Fall Newsletter	79.58
UPS Winter Newsletter	122.44
December TERA Year end Awards	226.80
2009 Old Glory Expenses	
Shirts, Trail fees, potties	1,690.00
Monthly Banking Fees	32.00
October and November	
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,386.94
Deposits	
TERA Membership	\$2,345.00
Refund Banking fees	48.00
Total Deposits	\$2,393.00
Ending Balance	\$4,608.23

Carol L. Kight, Treasurer 2009

Use Your Skills!

Are you a word processing wizard? Wonderful with words? Looking for new challenges in your life? How about putting your creative talents to work putting out the *Trail Markers* each quarter? It's a great job ... a few hours each quarter, you can do it from home in your pj's (like I am right now) and the pay will *not* affect your income tax bracket! Go for it! Be a star! Contact Sherrie at SKReimers@aol.com for more information!

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE TRAILMASTERS!!!

Monica Chapman is organizing a Trailmaster Class for September 2009! She still has several openings if you are interested. This is an excellent class and is especially helpful and highly recommended for Ride Managers. AERC sponsors most of the cost. Contact Monica if you have questions or are interested, lm-farms@ckt.net.



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