



(John Nowell photographer)



Come ride with us!

Endurance riding has many levels of appeal. For some it is a highly competitive and challenging athletic endeavor. For others it is a recreational activity combining a camping trip with a trail ride. For yet others it involves a search to experience our American heritage, to discover the country as our forefathers once did—from the back of a horse. Because endurance riders recognize the prime importance of finishing the event on a sound and healthy horse, the motto of the association is “To finish is to win.”

Volunteering at a ride is always a welcome and wonderful way to learn about the sport! Mentors are available to assist riders with training or to accompany them on their first competition. An introductory 15 mile ride is available in addition to the LD and Endurance Rides.



**OCER**

***OCER STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY:***

Ozark County Endurance Riders believe in the integrity of the sport of endurance riding. The basis for this belief is rooted in the concepts of "to finish is to win" "fit to continue" "no tolerance for drug use" and "sportsmanship in competition".

- To Finish is to Win
- Fit to Continue
- No tolerance for drug use
- Sportsmanship in Competition

It is the desire of this membership to encourage the education of equine enthusiasts, to promote the preservation and use of trails, and to place the welfare of the horse first and foremost. To this end, Ozark Country Endurance Riders will follow American Endurance Ride Conference rules and guidelines.

Therefore, Ozark Country Endurance Rider's sanctioned rides will reflect the above philosophy both in management and participation while members will do so by their conduct

**We invite you to join us!**

## 2016 Rides

March 19,20

Eagle Ranch Spring Fling I & II

Collins MO

Stephanie Beason

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April 16

Cowboy Country

Oologah OK

Susan Young Mock

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April 30

Wood Guest Ranch

Boswell OK

Kelly Chapman

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May 14

Idle Nook Getaway

Boles AR

Linda Dollar

[okdollar@hotmail.com](mailto:okdollar@hotmail.com)

May 28,29

Jo Tate Memorial

Jody Hess Schlup

[jotatemem@yahoo.com](mailto:jotatemem@yahoo.com)

June 18

Last Chance Midnight Rendevous

Admire KS

Linda Cole

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July 2

Owl Hoot Night Ride

Vonita OK

Alanna & Gunnar Frank

[ironviking@reagan.com](mailto:ironviking@reagan.com)

Sept 10

Cougar Prowl

Chandler OK

Louise Burton

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Sept 25.26.27

AHA National Championships

Vonita OK

Alanna & Gunnar Frank

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October 8

Indian Territory Oologah OK

Susan Young Mock

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October 22,23

Fall Blast Hillsdale Lake KS

Jeanie Hauser

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November 12

Polar Bear Run Admire KS

Linda Cole

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November 27,28

Weather or Not, OCER Benefit Ride

Chandler OK Deb Dickson

[paintnudge@gmail.com](mailto:paintnudge@gmail.com)

## WHAT IS ENDURANCE RIDING?

Endurance riding is the sport of one equine with one rider, covering a long distance, cross-country course within a maximum allowable time. Distances for endurance begin at 50 miles and can be up to 100 miles in a 24-hour period. (Multi-day rides are also offered in some places that can cover 250 miles in a 5-day period.) Equines are kept under the control of a ride veterinarian during the entire ride and checked periodically. Each equine must meet the pre-set pulse criteria before proceeding to the veterinary examination. Equines are checked for metabolic stability and soundness throughout the ride. Most rides provide a "Limited Distance" (usually 25 – 30 miles) ride along with the regular endurance distance as an introduction to those new to the sport.

Many organizations around the country sponsor endurance rides. The American Endurance Ride Conference (AERC) is the "mother" organization. AERC offers members a variety of services and programs including:

- Accumulated mileage in the mileage program for equine and rider
- Year-end awards at the regional and national levels
- Ride entry discounts
- Subscription to the monthly publication, Endurance News

To become a member of the AERC and receive all the benefits it has to offer, ask any ride manager for an application or information or contact AERC Headquarters at:

AERC

148 Maple Street, Suite F

Auburn, CA 95603

(503) 823-2260

[www.aerc.org](http://www.aerc.org)

All current AERC members receive a \$15 discount on all mileages unless otherwise stated. What a very good deal!!

## How to Join OCER

Go to [WWW.OCER.US](http://WWW.OCER.US) and you can print off the members form and the horse and mule nomination form under the join OCER link. Fill them out and send them in with your membership fee to:

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