



MnDRA News

It's Over

Time for the lesson season to begin.



They're not fat, the fur just makes them look that way.

Howdy all,

It's cyber Monday and I'm taking a break from shopping to put together the newsletter.

We have a lot of information to put in. But first, more about my boring life. Theresa has convinced me to take lessons with Dean's daughter, Rocky. I had my first lesson last week and it went fine. Rocky was so good about lying to me about how I was better than Theresa and Suzy that I almost believed her. Actually, I need to figure out what I'm doing wrong due to the hip pain so I can make sure Sam comes in sound next year. He and I need around 250 miles to hit 3000. And I told Rocky to treat me like a 10-year-old city girl and it works. It also gives Sam something to do during the winter.

You all need to still be careful about riding on trails. The real deer hunters are out now (muzzle loaders). Luckily, because we only have one shot, we do

tend to look first before shooting. No Dick Cheneys for us.

There is a lot of info in this newsletter. Make sure to take the UMECRA survey on page 3 and the MnDRA survey on page 6. Browse all the awards for MnDRA. It is going to be really hard to choose this year. Great job Joni, Lynn, and Dianne.

Don't neglect the Two-mile Marker.

If you tend to skip the vetting in portion, don't. There is a lot of important material there this month. Also, pull out those checkbooks and send in the MnDRA membership form found on page six.

Finally, Suzy sent a note about a Dirty Jobs episode for tomorrow. Ride save everybody.

=;{}} Happy trails, all. Ken

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Action Rider Tack Info

They have some interesting articles that you all might be interested in.

[Gambler, The Yellow Jackets and Banamine](#)

[Water in the Winter for Your Horse](#)

[Horse Girth Size and Style](#)

Why did the horse stir his cereal with his hoof?

He wanted to feel his oats.

VETTING IN



Hello,

A question about using poultice during a ride came up this year. Even though we had all decided it was ok to use a non-medicated type I thought I would double check with AERC. They have confirmed it is o.k. (see following) HOWEVER - if you are riding FEI you may want to double check first - and watch the medicated stuff. I know Linda Goddard sells powdered clay that is fine for use. I have some and you just add water for the amount you need.

Hello Suzy,

You are allowed to use poultice that is not medicated during the overnights of multiday rides. Be sure to read the labels carefully as some companies slip things in. Good suggestions would be all the clay type poultices - such as Uptight.

Please let me know if that answers your question adequately.

Jeanette L Mero, DVM
Chair, AERC Veterinary Committee

Suzy

Hello,

Went for a ride in the newly renovated Rebecca Park today. The loop takes about 3 hours at a walk, once you are on the trail, you either have to finish it or back track, no shorter loops like Crow-Hassan.

That being said, a very nice job was done to improve the trails for horses and the scenery was gorgeous. The trails are wider so you can ride two abreast in many places, and even though there are many scary things to pass, there is more room to move away so the horse doesn't feel trapped.

We ran into a pair of park volunteers on horseback who want the word spread to call 3 Rivers Park district and comment/compliment them on the improvements done to the park. They would like to see some new trails added, maybe a shorter loop, and feel if people call and express interest it may convince some park officials, who feel the park is underused, to add more trails. They also fear if more people don't call and/or use the park we could be in jeopardy of losing it in the future.

Nicole

Hi,
As of Oct. 29th the Hightail Rescue is an official 501c3 non profit corporation. The good news for us, and hopefully for those who support what we are doing is that donations are now tax deductible. Please keep Hightail Rescue in mind when you are deciding where your charitable dollars are going to go. We can also use all kinds of equine equipment, from tack to fence panels. Lumber, and anything else we can use to build run in sheds, etc. etc. Also, please keep us in mind if you know of anyone looking for a horse or pony. We have many to choose from. If any of you remember Cheyenne, the little bay mare that was doing limited distance this summer, as of this weekend she has a new home!

Thanks,
Charlotte

Hi ,
I have a lost and found list of Items that were left at Point Chaser Ride:

- Brown leather braided short riding crop
- Rider card holder, burgundy with clear front

mens shower/shave kit-has an item inside with the name Todd

2 Horse sheets, woven anti-sweat both size 78, one is burgundy and green the other is burgundy and navy, they were left hanging in the trail head building.

Thanks

Holly

Hey Everybody,

If anyone is looking for a prospect, check with the MN Hooved Animal Rescue Foundation. The 8-year-old purebred gelding that is at my place will be going back there shortly. He is sound, sweet, goes walk-trot-canter under saddle and is looking for a job with the right person!

Thanks. Nicole

UMECRA Convention Survey

Greetings, all. Per the discussion at the Nov 13 board meeting, Theresa Meyer, Diane Schmidt, and Shelly Sentyrz have developed a short survey about UMECRA conventions for riders to take online. The survey is intended to help us assess how we can increase attendance.

You can find the link at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BPYWGWZ>

Our subcommittee feels that we should advertise this survey on the website and in the newsletter, and we should also share the link with other ride organizations (AHDRA, MNDRA, DRAW, MDDA, GLDRA, others?) who might place a link from their websites and newsletters -

UMECRA Convention Tack Swap

We will be having a Tack Swap at the UMECRA Convention being held in Rochester MN on Jan 14th. Time to clean out the barn and gather some items to be sold both for your profit and for a good cause. 10% of the items sale price will be donated to the UMECRA Trail Fund. If you are unable to attend and want items brought to the convention we can also try to arrange for a ride for your items.

Please contact Angie Mikkelson at angieorr@hotmail.com or 218-298-1121 to register or for additional information.

2011 Annual Meeting and 2010 Awards Banquet

Rochester, MN, home of the largest clinic (Mayo Medical Center) in the world, is the site for the 2011 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

The meeting is scheduled for January 14 and 15, 2011, at the Marriott Hotel in downtown Rochester.

If you click this link, you will be directed to the Marriott website, with the promo code already loaded. All you need to do is adjust the dates, based on your length of stay. The group rate is only good from the 14-16th. If they come in earlier or stay later,

the \$109 rate may not be available. We can adjust this if needed.

[http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rstmc?](http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/rstmc?groupCode=umeumea&app=resvlink&fromDate=1/14/11&toDate=1/20/11)

[groupCode=umeumea&app=resvlink&fromDate=1/14/11&toDate=1/20/11](http://www.marriott.com/groupCode=umeumea&app=resvlink&fromDate=1/14/11&toDate=1/20/11)

Also, if you go to www.marriott.com you can enter the promo code umeumea to get the discounted rate.

We need vendors. The vendor fee is the cost of the banquet dinner on Saturday night and a donation for the casino night on Saturday. If you would like to bring your wares to the meeting, please send me an email: schmidt.dianne@mayo.edu to let me know you are coming. You are welcome to set up on Friday and take down late on Saturday. Your space will be right outside the door to the meeting and banquet area.

Angie Mikkelson is managing a tack swap. Please contact Angie angieorr@hotmail.com to volunteer time and/or tack.

Peggy Pasillas umecranews@gmail.com is in charge of the Silent Auction. Please contact Peggy to donate to the Silent Auction.

If you have an hour or two to give to sit at the registration table, please get in touch with me Schmidt.dianne@mayo.edu.

Also, on Saturday night we are having "Casino Night" after awards. I am in need of Blackjack and Poker dealers for this event. Please let me know, if you could volunteer for an hour or two. This event will take place from about 9:30 to 11:30.

A Banquet Reservation form will be in the December and January Newsletter. Remember to pray for our troops.

Dianne Schmidt

MnDRA End-of-year Awards

"For all of you who earned an award last year, here's a preview of the 2010 awards so you can start figuring out which one you want. Early in December, the Awards Committee will be sending emails asking you to respond with your choice. As usual, with the holidays and lead-times, we'll be requesting a speedy turnaround. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Hope you like the selection! And, CONGRATULATIONS!!!!"

1. CYA Rump Rug



- black on black
- easy drawstring to “roll” it up while moving
- perfectly weighted at the corners so that it won't fly around
- easy to attach to your saddle
- windproof, water-resistant top, fleece bottom
- great design, my favorite!

Indicate color choice for embroidery – you describe the color, Dianne will try to match it...

2. Folding Chair



- table with cup holder
- side storage for glasses/awards/beer, etc.
- easy carry handles
- this puppy ain't no bag chair – great support for the “mature” competitor
- Great for potluck!! or for just relaxing after a long ride (see picture above of rider relaxing after a long ride)

Comes in burgundy / hunter green / navy blue – indicate color choice

3. Crew Bag



The Stowaway Deluxe Crew Bag is a roomy, six-compartment gear and hay bag made with waterproof nylon denier with heavy-duty hardware and zippers - perfect for all your crewing needs! Nylon carrying/hanging straps are fully adjustable and removable. The hay compartment features a zipper-close flap for your horse for mess-free transportation.

Stowaway Hay & Gear Bags feature:

- 1 large compartment for up to 2 flakes of hay.
- 1 large compartment for big items (horse blankets or coolers, feed pans, large jackets, helmets, etc.).
- 1 medium compartment for medium-sized items (brushes, Easy Boots, first-aid kits, sponges, etc.).

3 flat zipper pouches for smaller items (sunscreen, stethoscopes, hoof picks, wallets, water bottles, etc.).

Comes in burgundy / hunter green / navy blue – indicate color choice

4. \$100 Gift Certificate to Silver's Equestrian Outfitters

Located in St Joseph, MN, Silver's has access to all the gear you might need for distance-riding (or any other discipline), horse care, barn and trailer stuff, whatever. Nadine Hollerud, the owner, is great to work with and will do whatever she can to find that elusive item you want! Check it out on facebook.

MnDRA Survey and More

If you would like to complete the short survey that was available to MnDRA members at Point Chaser here are the questions: Please respond to lynnreichert@msn.com

- Comments on the season good, bad, ugly
- Any ideas you would like to share.
- Would you be able to compete more if the prices were lowered?
- Ideas for year end awards for 2011.
- Ideas for completion awards for 2011.
- Questions or suggestions for MnDRA UMECRA

Thank you to all of you who attended the meeting at Point Chaser, also for filling out the surveys-very helpful.

If anyone has anything they would like to see on the agenda for the MnDRA meeting please contact

lynnreichert@msn.com or any of the board members, Dale Lunde, Holly Egerer, Darlene Molitor, or Sandra Noonan

If you finished in the MnDRA top ten, please notify Joan at cantalopia@msn.com or me at lynnreichert@msn.com by Dec. 5th as to which prize you would like from the choices above.

Thank you,
Pres. Lynn



Two-mile Marker

- Action Rider Tack is having a cyber weekend sale. If you jump on this Monday night, you can still get in on it. Click here: <http://www.actionridertack.com>
- Dianne Schmidt schmidt.dianne@mayo.edu is looking for a couple black jack dealers for

the convention. If anyone is up for it, email her.

- Bonnie Mielke took a bad spill racing to the finish in a Missouri ride. She was airlifted to St. Louis with a concussion and other assorted facial issues. She is ok, just very sore. Luckily, she was wearing a helmet.

MnDRA Membership form

Name _____

Family _____ (\$25.00) Single _____ (\$15.00)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email (PRINT NEATLY) _____

Please make checks payable to MnDRA and mail membership renewal to:

Sandra Fett
35976 Co. Hwy 4
Frazee, MN 56544

Discovery Channel's "Dirty Jobs" at Kentucky Equine Research

Kentucky Equine Research (KER) will be featured on the Discovery Channel's hit series "Dirty Jobs," airing on Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2010, at 9 p.m. EST. According to the show's website, "Dirty Jobs" profiles the unsung American laborers who make their living in the most unthinkable—yet vital—ways. Host Mike Rowe introduces viewers to a hardworking group of men and women who overcome fear, danger and sometimes stench to accomplish their daily tasks.

While "Dirty Jobs" was initially interested in KER's research because of feeding trials that involve the collection of fresh urine and feces from horses, the production staff soon realized that the science behind KER's work was just as interesting as the dirty jobs they hoped to find there.

Dave Barsky, head producer of "Dirty Jobs," wasn't very far into the day's filming when he told KER Global Marketing Manager Kim Brown that he thought the Discovery Channel audience would love the educational slant of what KER did, as well as the dirty aspect. He believed a one-hour show would evolve rather than the usual 30-minute segment. And, it did!

The new season's shows began airing on Nov. 19. Tune in on Nov. 30 and watch Mike, Dave, and the whole crew get down and dirty with the KER research horses, the research barn staff and KER veterinarian Dr. Bryan Walldridge. [Set a reminder to watch this episode.](#)

Collecting excrement was only one of Mike's jobs, though, as he performed several other duties that are part of everyday life at the KER research farm. He especially enjoyed working with the horses on the high-speed treadmill.

"The KER staff really appreciated the professionalism and dedication of getting just the right shot during the long day of filming," said Brown. "The crew

was fun, friendly, and had a good time while they learned about equine nutrition and exercise physiology."

Months of preparation led up to the filming in mid-July. The KER staff was sworn to secrecy, and the farm was closed to outside visitors for two days while the "Dirty Jobs" crew was on-site.

A Little About KER

KER was founded in 1988 by Dr. Joe D. Pagan. After earning his doctorate degree from Cornell University in equine nutrition and exercise physiology, Pagan spent a couple of years in the horse feed industry. He realized then that the results of quality research on equine nutrition and exercise physiology were not being disseminated to the individuals who needed them most: feed manufacturers and horse owners. Since the company began, filling that void has been a priority for KER.

The company accomplishes this in several ways. First and foremost, it serves as a consultant to feed manufacturers. KER has developed strategic partnerships with feed manufacturers globally to formulate top-quality feeds that complement typical forages found in the locale. KER now works with feed manufacturers on six continents.

KER is also the official nutritionist of the United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), which oversees most equestrian sport in the United States. KER holds the same designation for the Equestrian Federation of Australia.

Because of its expertise in equine nutrition, KER has been commissioned to oversee feed acquisition for horses competing at the last four Olympic Games, the 2010 World Equestrian Games, and the 2010 Asian Games.

KER is also heavily involved in Thoroughbred racing worldwide. Over half of the last dozen Kentucky Derby winners have been fueled by KER's partner feed manufacturers, and all three Thoroughbred classic winners (Kentucky Derby, Preakness, and Belmont) in 2010 had connections to KER through their feeding programs.

KER Research

KER conducts its research at a 144-acre facility located in the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky, often called the "Horse Capital of the World." Research completed at KER has helped set the standards by which horses are fed around the world.

At KER's research center, various studies are staged to answer important questions about how best to feed and train horses. These studies are carried out by KER's staff using equipment designed specifically for equine research.

KER's staff members consist of nutritionists holding doctorate degrees in equine nutrition, board certified veterinary specialists, students studying equine nutrition, and experienced horse owners. KER's equine staff consists of 25 research horses that are vital members of the team. These horses are all owned by KER, and they either devote their entire careers to equine research or they go on to have second careers as sport horses or racehorses.

The health and well-being of KER's research horses is a top priority, and every study is designed to ensure their safety. Some horses in KER's herd were foaled on the farm in the early 1990s and have spent their entire lives helping KER answer important questions about equine nutrition. As foals these horses helped KER develop milk-replacer formulas for orphans, and as adult athletes they participated in exercise trials on KER's high-speed treadmill. Now, as senior citizens, they help KER understand how nutrient requirements change for geriatric horses. This is an extremely important area of research since horses, like humans, are living longer due to advances in nutrition and medical care.

Other KER research horses spend the first four to five years of their careers with KER before leaving to pursue second careers in sport horse disciplines. Several former KER research horses are now winning ribbons as show horses.