



MnDRA News

The Grand Finale

Point Chaser over beautiful St Croix State Park to end the season.



**Visiting
the
Golden
Arches at
Point
Chaser
2009**

Howdy all,

Well, I reached another stage in the maturity levels of endurance riding; I pulled myself ten miles out at Run for the Ridge. Now I know many of you often do this, but for me it was my first time. I probably could have / should have done it a couple times before, but the competitive edge would not let me. Sam has been having lameness issues much of this year, and when we hit the road at RFTR I noticed his head bouncing and his stride was off. I asked Candy if she was seeing anything and she said he was consistently off. That was all I needed to hear. I turned him around, got off, and walked back in. I guess I've been reading what I've been writing. It's better to have a horse to ride later than to wreck one just to finish. In this case; to finish would not have been to win. By stopping, Sam and I both won.

Now pulling wasn't too bad; we had already done the ridge which I love, I

was able to take care of Sam in camp and then grab a stethoscope and go down to grab some quality time with Dean. Now that might not seem a big thing, but with Dylan at college and just Theresa and Tanya at home, most of my co-workers and riding partners being female, there's a time when some testosterone bonding is needed. And Dean has mentioned he can go weeks without seeing another male. No offense to my riding partners, Candy, Mary, Sheryl, and Tanya, but sometimes it's nice to hear a baritone.

So I'm looking forward to spending time with my buddy in the vet area at Point Chaser. You all be nice now, and we'll get you through with minimal hassle.

=;{}} Happy trails, all. Ken

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Ride Calendar

Oct 22nd - 24th, 2010

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VETTING IN



Hi,
Karen Chaton has ridden a gazillion miles.
Theresa

In response to a question about using GPS alone to mark trail.

At Bryce a couple of weeks ago I went into a vet check with another rider using a GPS. I had 24 miles on my unit and he had 18 something. That is a huge difference for such a short distance. I see these kinds of discrepancies all of the time. The reasons I think are many - reception depends on how the GPS is carried; the newer units ARE more accurate, and also battery life. I just wanted to point this out so that others realize how much GPS readings can vary - often it is a LOT more than 5%.

While marking trail I have also experienced significant gaps in what GE may think something is versus what it really is. We had a GE track that was supposed to be 3.5 miles and it turned out to be more like 5 (it was a windy, curvy trail in the forest). That is a huge difference in that kind of country and why we should never map a trail using topo's or GE without going out and riding it or measuring it in at least one other way in addition to GPS.

Karen



Did You Qualify For the New MnDRA Ride Award

If you entered an event at **each** of the five MnDRA-sponsored rides, you are eligible for a fun sweatshirt. **All you need to do is pay your entry fee - your ride counts whether you complete the event or not.** The five MnDRA-sponsored rides are: MnDRA I, Run for the Border, Maplewood, Mosquito Run and Thistledown Run. **If you qualified for this prize, get your size to Joan as soon as you can. Email : cantalopia@msn.com**

Need a Job?

NOW HIRING

POSITION: Ride manager(s)
RIDE: Run for the Border (May)
RESPONSIBILITIES: Organize and be responsible for the Run for the Border ride

QUALIFICATIONS: Ability to organize
Knowledge of the sport of endurance/competitive events
Ability to work with people-sometimes multiple amounts at one time
AERC membership helpful but not necessary
Ability to Delegate

WAGES: Lots of appreciation, and the opportunity to meet and work with nice people

SUPPORT STAFF AVAILABLE

If interested or would like more information contact Lynn 320-597-3312 or lynnreichert@msn.com

MnDRA Meeting at Point Chaser

We will have a MnDRA meeting Friday night at Point Chaser to share ideas that riders may want to have UMECRA put on the Agenda for January, so we can present them in November, possible year end award ideas, and to share what they liked about the ride season and any changes they might like to see. Problems that were not addressed, etc.

Thank you, Lynn

Keep in mind we need a new ride manager for Run for the Border. You know what happens when people are looking for volunteers and you're not at the meeting.



Point Chaser Update

Remember to send in your entries for Point Chaser early, we need them by Friday Oct 15th and if you want the ride fee discount please send in one ride entry fee payment. If you pay and then can not ride prior to the vet-in we will refund the amount minus a \$10.00 cancellation fee. We are asking for pre entry payment this year to help cover some of the expenses that we have before the ride. Bob and I refer to it as "diarrhea of the checkbook"! Thank you in advance!

If you did not reserve a campsite or there are no more available you have several choices. You can see if there is someone to share a site

with, maybe save gas and come together, or if you have a smaller rig and can double up with someone that would be ok. Also there are approximately 15 sites that are 1st come 1st served, you would need to come on Thursday to get those that are left. Also there are usually sites open on Saturday night so if you plan to ride just one day then come and ride on Sunday.

What makes a ride successful is having an organized vet area with plenty of help. It is always nice to know ahead of time people that can come and help at the vet area for vet secretary and PR crew. Meyers and Carmen, always spend most of their weekend helping out but it would be nice to give them a break, mix it up a little and have some new faces help also. Send me a quick email or phone call if you can help out in the vet area and

what task you can do. I need help thursday afternoon getting those first horses vetted through usually starts around 5pm so let me know if you can help out.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Point Chaser, missed many of the rides this year and seeing all the MnDRA ride "family"!
Happy Trails
Holly Egerer

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For Sale: Purple Halter

I have a used bright purple pony halter for sale. Adjustable and in fairly good condition.

A pony will be included with the halter. I currently call this pony "Juicy" although he goes by many other names as well, depending on my mood and his behavior. This pony is just waiting to become someone's little dream pony.

This 12.2 hand, 7 yr old pony is fantastic, if you are into the type of equine that is constantly invading your space/vehicle, etc.

He never met a horse trailer he didn't like and climbs in them every chance he gets, whereupon he immediately puts his feet up on the manger so he can look out the window

He believes he needs to be everywhere you need to be, especially when food is present. He is in great shape, if you consider round a shape.

He LOVES little kids, especially little kids with treats. He will eat them. (the kids, not the treats) Just kidding.

This pony has been worked over 2'6" jumps and lunged over 3'3" jumps. However, he likes jumping my 4 ft. pasture gates the best.

He's very affectionate, both with people(especially women) and horses(especially mares). This little guy is the neighborhood gigolo. By affectionate, I mean he will have no issue invading your personal space/private parts, if you know what I mean. He sticks his nose wherever he wants. With mares, he is lucky he is quick because he will mount mares, even the ones who have "a headache." He is not at all discriminating, although I've noticed he likes the fuller figured gals. His absolute favorite is mounting a mare while a woman is on the mare. Ask my friend Lisa, I'm sure she considered that a good time. And when rejected? You can see that he is clearly thinking that the female is merely playing hard to get. This just makes him more determined.

This porky little guy very much thinks that he's got what the ladies want, even if they don't know it yet. He reminds me of the little guy at the bar who hits on

everybody, whom you practically have to blow an air horn in his face to get rid of.

He walks/trots/canters/jumps, takes trips to the mailbox and to check the waters, goes trail riding, swims, poses on stripper poles(ask me), tests your trailer floor weight limits, tests your trailer emergency walk through doors, taste tests anything and everything, steals food from blind horses, tried to mount my dog(it is a big dog), stands tied patiently to the swing set while my son swings, loves to roll in the sand box, allows little kids to mount him from lawn chairs, buckets, swingsets, clubhouses, ladders, gates, side of the trailer and anywhere else, pulls little kids on sleds in the snow, tries to decapitate adults by running them under arena railings, and so much more.

Did I mention that he could be the perfect little dream pony(for someone else)?

"Juicy" is also a fantastic workout companion. I think I've lost at least 15 lbs since I've had him. I've never run so much in my life, either after him or from him. Though his little flabby butt cheeks closely resemble two pigs fighting under a blanket, he got me in wonderful shape.

I firmly believe he's a dream pony (someone's else's dream, that is).

Call me if you want a used purple halter and are a glutton for punishment.