



MnDRA News

MnDRA Off to a Great Start

S.E. Minnesota Ride continues Father's Day Tradition.



First crossing at S.E. 2009

Howdy all,

Where does the time go? There is a hypothesis that when you get older, time seems to go by faster because a month is so short compared to your whole life while it is a big part of a young person's life. Considering I've forgotten a big part of my life, why does it seem to still be flying by? May is always busy for me and this year it seemed worse. I finally have time to get a newsletter out. RFTB and Maplewood are in the books and both were reported to be good rides according to the facebook crowd.

I do have a horse question to pose for all of you. Granted, it deals with male behavior and most of you claim that you don't understand males, but I'll take a shot.

My gelding (which according to a lot of you fixes all our problems), Sam, needed some steroid treatment to help put muscle on that he was losing due to a bout of ehrlichia. Well, that woke up

some dormant studly behaviors. It doesn't help that he has two mares in the pen who seem to be planning their heats so one is always flaunting it at him. It is going on to be two months since he had the steroids. Anyone else see this behavior and how long before it's gone? Or is he changed for good? We can't separate them as we don't have the room and that would just drive him nuts. I'll take suggestions at S.E. this weekend.

There isn't much in this newsletter; a MnDRA I wrap-up, a bunch of thank you notes, and some general information. No rider profile yet. It seems you all are pretty shy. I'll send out some more requests. In the mean time, especially our new folks, send in your own profile with your own questions. Don't forget the picture.

=;{}} Happy trails, all. Ken

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Humor only Horse People would get:

A woman was riding her horse beside a creek one day when she heard a voice call out "You there!.. down here.. I'm on this rock! "

She looks down to see a frog on a rock. The frog says, "Pick me up! I am a handsome prince and if you kiss me , I will turn back into one and make you VERY HAPPY!"

She gets down from her horse and picks up the frog and puts him in her pocket and continues to ride. The frog yells, "HEY , I TOLD YOU, I AM A HANDSOME PRINCE ... KISS ME AND YOU WILL SEE!!"

The woman takes the frog out of pocket, holds him in her palm and says,

"Now frog, I am a Dressage rider and I don't have time for any handsome prince..... But a talking frog, now THAT'S COOL! "

VETTING IN



Hi all,

I know an avid road biker who recently got a wrist band with all of his vital info engraved on it - I think it would also of use for riders - especially out on the trail.

The Company is called RoadID - web site is www.roadid.com or 800-345-6336 and are around \$20.

What I really like about it is that you can have up to 6 lines engraved and the web site guides you through the process of what info to choose and has also info on medical abbreviations that can be added, too.

No, I have nothing to do with the company, but I think it's a really neat idea.

Suzy Warren

Ken,

My horse has Lyme disease. Chewy went down suddenly on a conditioning trail ride and his back end would smasm every few minutes while I walked (on the ground) with him back to the

trailer. Our vet started treating for colic but after many hours with no improvement the vet came out and thought maybe there was a pinched nerve in Chewy's back, so we treated for pain.

The next day my horse was not much better and another vet that just happened to be at the barn suggested testing for Lyme. Chewy had a stong positive and we began treatment for it--he was dehydrated and his red blood count was very low but he is much better this week and we will slowly get him back to working in the next several weeks. So my point is to keep an eye out for a large range of symptoms and don't rule out Lyme if your horse shows anything unusual. I did not see any signs of it coming on either!

Karen Kersten

Special Thanks!

At Run for the Border, I had a bad spill from my mare, Lylee. The scrapes on my lower back were minor compared to when she stepped on my upper leg. Of course it was the leg on which I have been limping on since knee surgery in December. She took off down the trail and I was left on foot.

Two anonymous riders rode by and offered me some much needed water as I hobbled on foot back towards camp. Elizabeth Klocker came by in a car and I took up her

offer of a ride back to camp. It didn't take long for Peggy Pasillas and Cathy Cheesebrow to show up leading Lylee, who they had found heading back to camp. I struggled back on, rode back to the accident site, and then completed the ride. Thanks to everyone for your concerns and especially to the above group who took some of the stress out of my eventful day.

On a positive note, a few good things did happen. I learned that even though Lylee left me, she did head back to camp instead of running off to never, never land. My leg has a huge (football size) bruise and is sore as he __; but at least all the pain is restricted to one side so I still have one good leg to stand on. But most of all, I know that in times of trouble, my MNDRA family is there to lend a hand.

Teresa Fett



New MnDRA Ride Award

There is a **NEW** award for entering **each of the five MnDRA-sponsored rides** - If you enter an event at each of the five MnDRA-sponsored rides, you will be 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.

MnDRA I Update

MnDRA I 2009

Thank you to all that came and rode and helped at MnDRA I this year. It turned out to be a beautiful, but windy weekend. We had about the same number of entries as last year, in the low 80s, BUT we had 19 novice entries. Okay, some of those were experienced riders on new horses, but many were folks trying out the sport. If you are one of those riders, we hope to see you on the trail a lot this summer. It was sure fun to have you in camp! Thanks to our mentors who took them out too. We had 4 full groups!

Besides all of you that came and rode, I'd like to thank the veterinary team of Dr. Bonnie Miller, Dr. Mary Lambert & Dr. Taryn Dentinger. We can not put on rides without competent, patient and caring vets. These ladies are all that! Thank you so much.

At MnDRA I on Saturday there was 13 endurance entries – 10 finished, 11 LD entries and 9 finished, 15 competitive entries and all finished. Sunday there were 6 LD entries and 5 finished, 12 competitive rides and all finished, and 24 novice entries!

We had a great group of volunteers – Holly Egerer, Sharon Hahn, Phil Jansen, Carmen Steuck, Lynn Reichert, the timing duo of Terri McCarthy & Terri LaCrosse, Linda Bell, Kim Rice, Bev Specht, Diane Merz, Cindy Lande, Sheryl O'Brien, Peggy Pasillas, Becky Kilvington, Shelly Sentryz and Char Tuhy. Ken helped too, and Tanya showed up with prom hair on Sunday to help clean up. Yea to all my great friends!

We'll see you all on the trail!

Theresa Meyer
MnDRA I ride manager

Two-mile Marker

 Libby Kruse is graduating from orono high school June 9. Libby rode for about 5 years and was almost always with Linda Lenzen and Diane Knapper.

Diane Schmidt sent me a copy of the nice thank you that the Forestville Park sent for the trail money we sent them. Unfortunately, it was snail mail and I can't find it. They were very appreciative.

Speaking of the trail fund, I got this from Darlene. The trail fund was dispersed on April 9th. It was split between 2 State Parks, \$225 awarded to St. Croix State Park, and \$225 awarded to Forestville State Park. We have a balance of \$41.90 in the trail fund.

Ride Calendar

June 18th - 20th, 2010

SE Minnesota, Forestville State Park
Dianne Schmidt, 507 545-9937
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June 26th - 27th, 2010

Zumbro Bottoms, Zumbro Bottoms
Barry Saylor, 507 765-2711
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July 9th - 11th, 2010

Mosquito Run, Crow Hassan Park
Lynn Reichert, 320 597-3312
Lynnreichert@msn.com

Aug 14th - 15th, 2010

Thistle Down Run Frazee, MN
Teresa and Dale Fett, 218 334-5711
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Sept 11th - 12th, 2010

Charity Cup Pillager State Park
Angie Mikkelson and Shelly Sentryz
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trot2much@gmail.com

Sept 25th - 26th, 2010

Run for the Ridge Fort Ridgely State Park,
Sarah Maass, 507 426-8385
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DON'T FORGET YOUR TRAIL PASS

Don't forget to purchase your Minnesota State Horse trail pass!

Go to any Holiday store or other vendor who sells hunting and fishing licenses or go to

<https://www4.wildlifelicense.com/mn/>

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