

# From The Horse's Mouth

## Southeast Endurance Riders Association Newsletter

August 2007



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you ever thought about what the lifespan of the endurance rider is??? No, I don't mean how many years one may be graced to stay on this earth, but what cycles the typical endurance rider passes through while enjoying the sport. I am going to call it the "Endurance Lifespan." This term, which I just coined, is a description of the evolution of the endurance rider and the support that they return to the organized sport of endurance. Whether or not we realize it, each of us gives something back to endurance. A rider's age and maturity tend to drive the Endurance Lifespan, but it is based primarily on the time spent in the sport. Let's break this down into stages.

The first stage is the "**Birth Stage.**" Simply put, it is the time when a friend of a friend introduces us to someone crazy enough to actually go to a ride and ride their horse 50 miles...in a day !!!! At first we think we could never, no way do this, and that our horses mean too much to us to risk them on such a crazy sounding venture. But before long, we find ourselves going to a conditioning ride one weekend with the crazy person, and discover that not only can it be done, but that we both love going down the trails. The next step finds us crewing for the crazy person and absorbing like a sponge all that goes on at an endurance ride. Before we know, we are entered into an LD ride. In time, this "newbie" grows and becomes a fertile member of AERC.

"**Self Awareness**" We are moving toward a state of inward expansion. We have joined the AERC and any regional organizations in order to learn more about this intriguing sport and as we begin to understand the basic concepts, rules, and regulations, we become more comfortable in the sport. But, we are still very much removed from taking any sort of leadership role, although we may have become a "common face" at a few local rides. This is the time that we (along with our equine partners) begin to get a feel for the whole atmosphere, to test the waters, and see that the sport is something that they would like to make a commitment to.

"**Competitor**" After a couple of years of getting the ground work that is necessary to move up into the next stage, the rider/horse team now moves into a more competitive mode. They are what we sometimes call a "competitive or seasoned rider." They will usually have at least one horse, have purchased a new saddle, trailer with LQs, truck, heart monitor, GPS unit, and biothane tack. They have started to attend rides farther from home, thus supporting not only local ride managers, but a larger geographic base of ride managers. All the while, new riders will come into the sport and look to **them** for inspiration. In this way, the competitor is giving back to the endurance community through participation and mentoring new riders. It was most likely that a "competitor" is who brought them into the sport. This stage may last for many, many years, and sometimes riders will not move out into the next stage, but will retire from the sport when they or their horses are no longer able to continue competing at this level.

"**Leadership/Educational**" For those that do move on, the rider is now doing the sport as easily as breathing, has thousands of competition miles accumulated, and still has competitive goals. Now is

the time for them to move into a leadership role. Who is better to take part in holding official positions in regional or the national organization than someone who has seen it all and been there, done that? This accomplished individual has seen the sport grow and change. They have participated in this growth, and seen how growth has affected the sport and its participants. This gives them the insight to look into the future and possibly see ways for the sport to manage more change and growth, while continuing to survive and succeed. It is important to recognize this as the most productive stage of the lifespan. At this point, the rider has the greatest amount of knowledge, and can be in a position to offer that to a very large group, not just a few new riders. They are traveling nationally, dumping large amounts of money into the rides, and are supporting national/regional organizations with funds and leadership skills. This rider can be a huge asset to the sport.

**“Legacy”** The last stage is what we all want to be known for, having a positive impact. As riders, we are the only ones in control of what we leave behind. It could be positive in that we did great work for trails, managed rides, or simply put superior effort into caring for our equine friends while we traveled this path. When the rider reaches this stage, they may no longer be competing, but will still be a valuable part of the sport. The rider could be competing on shorter distances, or riding only a few rides a year. They may still own horses, and offer them to new riders, or lease them out to more competitive ones. They will be supporting the sport through their dedication to continued endurance success. They remain members of the organizations, volunteer at rides, and hold official positions.

Obviously, there are many layers to this cycle. There is no set standard that each of us must follow. But this concept does outline the basic flow of the growth in the evolution of the endurance rider. The point of which is to demonstrate that we are all very valuable to the sport. We are all valuable to SERA. We may be at a different place on the timeline, but we are contributing, in some way. We should strive to leave a positive ripple in the pool, because others are watching, and learning from our example.

And remember, don't sweat the small stuff.

Jody



### **Happenings from the SERA list**

Ok, calling all Bloggers !!! We are having TONS of fun on the SERA blog site. For those of you not aware, the SERA site has a blog now. Simply register and login every day to keep up with what is going on in SERA. We are having some good discussions on Awards right now. We need everyone's input to make this really work for us. It is the best way to pass ideas to the SERA board....we are only a click away and Juniors are welcome too!!!!

Submitted by: Jody Rogers-Buttram



## **We Can Talk!**

There had always been a desire to have a forum where the members could communicate, where the members could have input to the SERA BOD, and where information could be disseminated. For time critical information, *e.g.*, ride cancellation, an email to the membership was normally used and will still be. However, we had no easy mechanism for routine communication.

The list such as Yahoo groups have a significant downside. Teri Hunter and I had talked about this issue off and on for the last two years. Recently we have settled on a format that should provide us with a good structure. We went with a blog. A blog is a format with subscribers. It is completely within SERA's management. The subscribers have different sets of priorities, but all can post and comment to post. It is a monitored forum so the Viagra ads or the ads for match making for single equestrians won't show up.

Because it is monitored it could take a little time lag between your comments and them appearing on the blog. That seemed to be a small price to pay for the privacy. There are a couple people that can "approve" posts. If that becomes an issue we'll add to that as we go.

As of this time we have 38 subscribers. It's easy to subscribe. Go to <http://www.seraonline.org/blog/index.php> (or go to the web site [www.seraonline.org](http://www.seraonline.org) and got down to "Discussion Group"). Go to "subscribe" and follow the directions. You will receive via email a password. That can be changed when you log on.

To use it is easy. Posts will be made and separated into different categories, *e.g.*, Rides, Training, General, Sanctioning, Rules, etc. These posts are the main headings of a discussion and then comments about that post are collected with the post for display. It's fairly simple once you get the hang of it.

If you experience a problem, forget your password, have any questions, etc. send an email to [serablog@earthlink.net](mailto:serablog@earthlink.net) and you will be back up and running in no time.

Happy Trails  
Truman



## PASSINGS

August 2, 2007 we said goodbye to my old endurance horse, Raf Darget. He was 25, and still had just as much presence as the first day I met him. He was one of those horses that you could take to a ride and always get a compliment on how pretty he was. I have owned him since he was 6, broke and trained him, and took him through a successful endurance career. The old boy had over 2000 endurance miles, some wins, BCs, and completed 6 out of 8 100 milers. In fact, one year he did 4 100 milers in 4 months...completing them all. He only was pulled in two 100 milers and one 50 miler. When I retired him, he was 100% sound, and was until he was put down.

Darget had a cancer tumor come up 2 years ago; it was removed, but he had it return in an ugly way. I had the option to let him go longer, but I would risk the chance of him suffering. I didn't want that. So, this way, he spent his last days in comfort, enjoying special foods like carrots and apples and the good part of the alfalfa hay....the leaves.

He was laid to rest next to my other special old guy...Petit Jets Shadow. They haven't been together for over 15 years...they are now. Between the two of them, they carried me over 7000 endurance miles.

He was a good little Buddy.

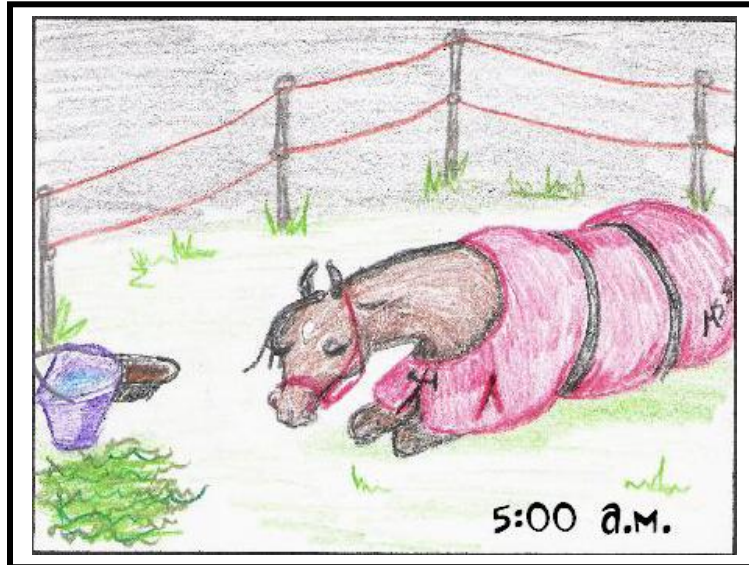
Jody



Raf Darget, in the late 80s at the Flatwoods 50 in MS.

# The Endurance Adventures of Ms. Sera

By Jody Buttram



## **SERA 100 Mile Jacket Program**

The following is the criteria for this award:

1. Any SERA member entering their first one day 100 mile ride at a SERA sanctioned ride and completing said ride will receive from SERA a monogrammed jacket in celebration of their accomplishment. This jacket will be delivered at the SERA Convention.
2. Any SERA member entering their first one day 100 mile ride at a SERA sanctioned ride will only have to pay the entry fee to the 50 (55 or 60) mile ride. SERA will cover the difference between the 50 and 100. The details of how the reimbursement will be worked out.
3. Funds for this program will be raised at a silent auction at the next SERA convention (2008). The shortfalls from this auction will be covered out of SERA general funds.

This program will not take affect until the 2008 ride season (starting Dec. 1, 2007).

If any member would care to voice their opinion in favor or against such a program, I strongly urge you to contact your state representative and be heard. SERA is your organization and I want to encourage each of you to become involved.

### **AHA Region XII 2007 Endurance Challenge**

In an effort to induce the Arabian / Half-Arabian Endurance community to join and participate in the organization which protects and governs the heritage of the very horses that they ride, Region XII of the Arabian Horse Association is presenting the following challenge to the Arabian / Half-Arabian Endurance community.

Join an AHA Region XII "local" club as a "Competition" member, ride a registered Arabian / Half-Arabian in a Endurance Ride (LD's included) in three (3) Region XII states (AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, TN,) and receive a Region XII Endurance Challenge Bronze Level Polo Shirt. Ride in four (4) states and receive a Region XII Endurance Challenge Silver Level Jacket. Ride in five (5) states and receive a Region XII Endurance Challenge Gold Level Fly Sheet. Ride in six states and receive a Region XII Endurance Challenge Platinum Level Rain Sheet. A Region XII Endurance Challenge Championship Blanket will be awarded to the rider with the highest mileage occurring within the region, which has ridden in at least five (5) states. There will be one high mileage award for endurance and one high mileage award for limited distance. The miles track with the rider. Sound easy? That is how it should sound. This is Region XII's way of asking for your support in promoting Arabian / Half-Arabian horses as the world's most lovable, and versatile breed. QUESTIONS: Call Eric Reuter 865.599.3594 ([eric@rueterconsultinginc.com](mailto:eric@rueterconsultinginc.com)) or Cheryl Van Deusen 386.566.4820 ([cvandeusen@gmail.com](mailto:cvandeusen@gmail.com)) for more information or [R12endurance@gmail.com](mailto:R12endurance@gmail.com)

The Arabian / Half-Arabian Endurance community has complained long and hard that AHA does not do anything for them. Well now is your chance! Become an AHA member through your local AHA affiliate club, load up your horse and RIDE! There will be local club AHA membership forms available or you can join through Arabian Distance Riders Club (AHA # 12277) by filling out a form or joining on line through [www.arabianhorses.org](http://www.arabianhorses.org) – a one year membership costs \$45 for adults.

#### Official Rules:

1. Horse MUST be a registered Pure Bred, Half-Arabian or Anglo-Arabian.
2. Current horse registration owner MUST be an AHA competition member in good standing for this year.
3. Rider MUST hold a current AHA Competition Card and be a recognized member of a Region XII affiliated club (i.e. be counted as member through the AHA).
4. For a ride to count the competitor must only earn a completion. Placements have no meaning in this challenge. Provide your AHA membership number to RM.
5. The period of the challenge will coincide with the AERC ride year (December 1 through November 30).



## News from the States

### TENNESSEE'S FOR ME

When I began this sport, I never thought about all the benefits that would accompany this indulgence of mine. Here are some of my thoughts about the perks of long distance riding.

We as endurance riders, get an opportunity to travel to different parts of this beautiful country. Even if one stays in our regions, we can still travel to many different states. We get to view new towns, cities, and scenic topographical areas of whatever region we're in. We have the good fortune and luxury to travel to some of the most natural, peaceful, and pastoral locations in the country. And then, to top it off, when we arrive at our destination, we inevitably have friends and acquaintances ready to greet and welcome us. There are many volunteers who work so diligently to get the beautiful locations ready for us so we can partake in an adventurous weekend far away from the hustling, bustling environment from which most of us have escaped.

We as endurance riders are confident in the knowledge that when we partake in an endurance ride, no matter how many miles we accrue, we have the opportunity to track through various types of terrain at a walk, trot, or full gallop. Thankfully, there are very few times we have to worry about getting lost because the trails have been well marked and there is always someone waiting for us. We can basically ride to our hearts content and then some. We don't have to worry about one of our horses getting into trouble and no one being there to help us. We gratefully depend on our loyal, trusty, knowledgeable ride vets.

We as endurance riders, have the incredible opportunity to develop friendships with people all over the country, whether on the trail or in camp. I find it wonderful that we can make new friends, and yet go back to our lives without feeling the stress of having to stay in touch, because we know we will see that person again at another ride, at some point in our endurance career, and many times when we finally do, it's like we have never been apart. We can actually boast to our friends and neighbors that we have friends all over the country and truly mean it.

We as endurance riders, are given the rare opportunity to learn and expand our knowledge in order to serve many of our horses' specific health needs. This knowledge is acquired not only through our own hands-on experience but also at the ride sites. We can volunteer as scribes to our vets and collect a wealth of information in just one day. The vets are available to answer questions, take a look at an ailing horse, and make an educated guess as to its individual situation. They give us the time to ask questions about our animals. They gift us with their expert answers. And what's really amazing is that most of the time this information is free. We also have invaluable resources, such as ride forums where we can gather information on just about any subject connected to our sport. It seems there is no real excuse not to be informed.

Most importantly, we as endurance riders, have developed a community and family. We are a group of diverse people who may have different views about horses and competition, but we all have this in common ... We love our horses and we strive to keep them fit and healthy.

On another note ... It's amazing how quickly this summer seems to be speeding by. August has definitely been the scorcher, emphasized more so by the drought the southeast seems to be

experiencing. Hopefully, we have all survived the heat over the summer to train our horses in order to keep them fit for the upcoming fall season which I'm very excited about.

Big South Fork is September 6,7, and 8th and will be a three day ride this year. Ride manager Eric Rueter and his volunteers at this moment are getting the BSF location ready for our arrival. I'm thrilled to announce this will be the first year for a one day 100 at this ride. It is such a beautiful location and with two different 50 mile trails; there should be very few loops which will be repeated for the 100 mile riders. The 30 mile rides will be Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The 50 mile will be Thursday and Saturday with a 55 mile held Friday. The 100 will held on Saturday. If you're up for a different kind of challenge, there will be 30 and 50 mile Ride and Ties held on Friday and Saturday and a 10 miler on Sunday.

Parking will be tight, even though the entrance to the north side parking area has been reworked in order to provide a wider entrance for the bigger rigs. It would probably be advisable to try to get there early in order to secure yourselves a good spot for an exciting weekend. Please be well prepared for the abundance of chiggers and sea ticks that will be looking to feast on you as well as your pets.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Take care and ride safely,

Your Tennessee State Representative,  
Debra LaComette



### Summer Fun: Crewing at Tevis

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, I had the opportunity to crew at Tevis. This year, I crewed for Ron Chapman who hails from western TN and Paul Sidio from Missouri. To spare those who aren't interested, my long-winded tale can be viewed at [www.distancerider.blogspot.com](http://www.distancerider.blogspot.com) along with links to photos I took the past two years. It's quite a ride in a fantastic location and something that if you have any desire to ever do as a ride, well worth trying.

Debbie Parsons



### CLASSIFIED ADS

60 acre farm in North Carolina (approx 30 miles SE of Charlotte) - 3 fenced horse pastures w/ run-ins, hay barn, 20x24 outbuilding (w/power), storage shed, 1900 sq ft - 3 bedroom house w/ decks and covered porch. Contact Lisa or Bob Downs @ [Blrjdowns@aol.com](mailto:Blrjdowns@aol.com)

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FOR SALE - 'Cheerio': Unregistered Arab Mare, Bay, 15 years, 14-2. Has done 5 - 25 mile Endurance rides and 6 CTR's including a 2 day 50. No issues, Easy keeper, Sound. Good horse for junior, inexperience rider, grandma. Loves hugs and being ridden. \$2,500. Call or email Catherine Whiteacre 352.472.6335 [cwhiteacre@msn.com](mailto:cwhiteacre@msn.com)

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## SERA Membership

Membership runs from December 1<sup>st</sup> through November 30<sup>th</sup>. Single membership is \$25 for the year. Family membership is \$30. If you haven't renewed already, please do so now. You must renew by March 1<sup>st</sup> in order for the rides prior to that date to count for year-end awards.

Renew online! Go to: [https://linux9.domainnameservers.net/~serao2/new\\_membership.htm](https://linux9.domainnameservers.net/~serao2/new_membership.htm)

Renewal forms can be downloaded and printed from [http://www.seraonline.org/sera\\_web\\_application.htm](http://www.seraonline.org/sera_web_application.htm).



## Ride Managers

Your ride flyer may be posted to the SERA website. There is no limitation on the number of pages. To add your ride flyer to the website, please submit it in Word, txt, or PDF format to [teri@websbyteri.com](mailto:teri@websbyteri.com) and place in the subject of the email line "SERA Ride Entry Form." For publication in the newsletter that is distributed through the US Postal Service, the ride flyer must be no more than two pages and must be sent to Tamra Schoech at [SERAg@bellsouth.net](mailto:SERAg@bellsouth.net) or 4050 Buck Smith Rd, Loganville, GA 30052.



## SERA SANCTIONED RIDES

As listed on the SERA Website  
Check the website for updates

### 2007 Ride Calendar

**September 6/7/8**, Big South Fork Pioneer, 50/30, 55/30, 100/50/30, Big South Fork NRRRA, Oneida, TN; Ride Manager: Eric Rueter, 865-986-5966, [Eric@RueterConsultingInc.com](mailto:Eric@RueterConsultingInc.com)

**September 22**, Biltmore Fall Fling, 55/30, Biltmore Estate, Asheville, TN; Ride Manager: Becky Janes, 828-689-2291, [FallFling@mountinhopes.org](mailto:FallFling@mountinhopes.org)

**October 4/5/6**, Alabama Yellowhammer Pioneer, 55/30, 100/50/25, 50/25/Fun Ride, Talladega National Forest, Heflin, AL; Ride Manager: Tamra Schoech, 770-554-1545, [tschoech@bellsouth.net](mailto:tschoech@bellsouth.net)

**October 13**, Red Barn Run, 50/25, Chester, GA; Ride Manager: Cheryl Perry, 229-686-2278, [cperry@alltel.net](mailto:cperry@alltel.net)

**October 20**, Hallelujah Benefit Ride, 100/75/50/25, Camden, SC; Ride Manager: Lucie Hancock, 803-428-3924, [lbhbhnck@ftc-i.net](mailto:lbhbhnck@ftc-i.net)

**October 27**, Witch Dance II, 55/35, Tombigbee National Forest, MS; Ride Manager: Raymond Rowland, 662-456-3854, [Rowlandhardware@bellsouth.net](mailto:Rowlandhardware@bellsouth.net)

**October 27**, Distance Horse Classic (formerly the Hampton Classic), 50/25, Green Swamp West, Dade City, FL; Ride Manager: Teri Hunter, 863-859-4005, [teri@distancehorsegear.com](mailto:teri@distancehorsegear.com)

**November 3**, Skymont "High in the Cumberlands", 50/25, Altamont, TN; Ride Manager: Larry Jordan, 423-476-2461, [larry\\_jordan@bellsouth.net](mailto:larry_jordan@bellsouth.net)

**November 10**, Endure for the Cure Benefit Ride, 55/35, Sand Hills State Forest, Patrick, SC; Ride Manager: Patsy Gowen, 803-329-0077, [firefoxrun@comporium.net](mailto:firefoxrun@comporium.net)

**November 30**, Blackwater Boogie, 75/55/30, Blackwater River State Forest, Coldwater Recreation Area, Milton, FL; Ride Manager: Christina Schiro, 850-206-3237, [www.fiveflagsAHA.org](http://www.fiveflagsAHA.org), [fiveflagsAHA@yahoo.com](mailto:fiveflagsAHA@yahoo.com)

### 2008 Ride Calendar

**December 1**, Blackwater Boogie, 50/25, Blackwater River State Forest, Coldwater Recreation Area, Milton, FL; Ride Manager: Christina Schiro, 850-206-3237, [www.fiveflagsAHA.org](http://www.fiveflagsAHA.org), [fiveflagsAHA@yahoo.com](mailto:fiveflagsAHA@yahoo.com)

**December 15**, Goethe Benefit Challenge, 100/50/25, Goethe State Forest, 11990 SE 21st Place, Morriston, FL; Ride Manager: Connie Caudill, 352-486-7040, [blackprong@aol.com](mailto:blackprong@aol.com)

**January 12**, Gator Run III, 50/25, Goethe State Forest, Tidewater Camp, Dunnellon, FL; Ride Manager: Connie Caudill, 502-609-4217 or 352-486-6739, [conniecaudill@yahoo.com](mailto:conniecaudill@yahoo.com)

**March 15/16**, Sand Hills Stampede, 55/30, 55/30, Sand Hills State Forest, Patrick, SC; Ride Managers: Patsy Gowen & Tim Worden, 803-329-0077, [firefoxrun@comporium.net](mailto:firefoxrun@comporium.net)

**April 5**, Florida Ag Museum, 50/25, Florida Ag Museum, Rt 1 & Old King Rd, Palm Coast, FL; Ride Manager: John Pavlos, [jpavlos@aol.com](mailto:jpavlos@aol.com)

### OTHER EVENTS

**Sept 29/30**, Equine Sports Therapy Clinic, Sunburst Stables, Helen, GA; Clinician: Michael Beesley, 772-340-0898 (FL Nbr), [intouchwithhorses@aol.com](mailto:intouchwithhorses@aol.com)

**Clinic Description:** A hands-on approach to performance improvement through muscular stress release. Two day class: Lameness – signs, treatment, and prevention; basic musculoskeletal anatomy, lameness pathology, simple muscle tissue manipulation techniques over stress points, balancing the posture and stretching



## SEDRA Ride and Event Calendar

South Eastern Distance Riders Association upcoming ride season will be very busy! Now is the time to plan for your winter riding, endurance or CTR or driving. Go to [www.BlackProng.com](http://www.BlackProng.com) if you would like to stay for a while--an awesome camping/training facility in the Goethe State Forest. Come and have some fun in the sun! This calendar will be updated soon so look for updates at [www.distanceriding.com](http://www.distanceriding.com).

Please look at what's scheduled so far for this year:

### South Eastern Distance Riders Association (SEDRA) 2006-07 Ride Calendar

Sep 7-9, FHA Annual Distance Riding Clinic, Lower Wekiva River State Preserve, 38015 Fetchel Rd, Eustis, FL; Point of Contact: Kim Huck, 407-35-4176, [distancerider@bellsouth.net](mailto:distancerider@bellsouth.net)

Sep 15/16, Sand Hill CTR 25, Goethe Forest, Tidewater Camp, Dunnellon, FL; Ride Manager: Pat Thomas, 352-486-4119

Oct 4/5/6, Alabama Yellowhammer Pioneer, 55/30, 100/50/25, 50/25/Fun Ride, Talladega National Forest, Heflin, AL; Ride Manager: Tamra Schoech, 770-554-1545, [tschoech@bellsouth.net](mailto:tschoech@bellsouth.net)

Oct 20, Hallelujah Benefit for St Jude's Children's Hospital, 100/75/50/25, Camden Hunt Country, Camden, SC; Ride Manager: Lucie Hancock, 135 H. And H. Rd., Dalzell, SC 29040, 803-428-3924, [lbhbhnck@ftc-i.net](mailto:lbhbhnck@ftc-i.net)

Oct 20/21, FHA 25 CTR and Drive, ReNab Ranch, Withlacoochee Forest, Lecanto, FL; Ride Manager: Chrissy Pool, 352-621-0215, [cpool@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:cpool@tampabay.rr.com)

October 27, Distance Horse Classic (formerly the Hampton Classic), 50/25, Green Swamp West, Dade City, FL; Ride Manager: Teri Hunter, 863-859-4005, [teri@distancehorsegear.com](mailto:teri@distancehorsegear.com)

Nov 10/11, Boggy Creek CTR 27, Seminole State Forest, Camp Boggy Creek  
30500 Brantley Branch Rd, Eustis, FL 32736; Ride Manager: Nora Mask  
1120 N. Lakewood Ave, Ocoee, FL 34761, 407-656-1120, [Cyberpony@aol.com](mailto:Cyberpony@aol.com)

Nov 10, Endure for the Cure Benefit Ride, 55/35, Sand Hills State Forest, Patrick, SC; Ride Manager: Patsy Gowen, 803-329-0077, [firefoxrun@comporium.net](mailto:firefoxrun@comporium.net)

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Dec 29-31, FHA 2-Day 50 CTR, 30/20, FL Greenway Trails, Ocala, FL; Ride Manager: Doug Shearer, DVM, 352-347-8030 [Liveoak@Infi.Net](mailto:Liveoak@Infi.Net)

Jan 10/11/12, Gator Run Pioneer, 55, 50/25, 50/25, Goethe State Forest, Tidewater Camp, Dunnellon, FL; Ride Manager: Connie Caudill, 502-609-4217 or 352-486-6739, [conniecaudill@yahoo.com](mailto:conniecaudill@yahoo.com)

Jan 19, Delightful Trails, 55/25/10, Buena Vista, GA; Ride Manager: Kay Faulk, 451 W H Odom Rd, Buena Vista, GA, 229-881-3240

Jan 19/20, Moonlight in the Forest CTR 30, Far Out Forest Farm, Ocala National Forest, Altoona, FL; Ride Manager: Karen Jones, Far Out Forest Farm, PO Box 828, Altoona, FL, 352-669-7798, Fax 352-669-7925, [Faroutfarmfl@aol.com](mailto:Faroutfarmfl@aol.com)

Jan 24-27, FHA 3-Day 100 CTR, 40/40/20, Ocala National Forest, Altoona, FL; Ride Manager: Sam Duval, 352-669-6166, [Buddabellyhorsefarm@Juno.Com](mailto:Buddabellyhorsefarm@Juno.Com)

Feb 8/9, Camp Osborn Boy Scout Pow Wow, 2-day 100/50/25, 75/50/25/10 mile fun ride, Camp Osborn, Sylvester, GA; Ride Manager: Jamie Ginter, 229-777-9618, [ericjamieginter@aol.com](mailto:ericjamieginter@aol.com)

Feb 16, Far Out Forest Endurance, 100/50/30, Far Out Forest Farm, Ocala National Forest, Altoona, FL; Ride Manager: Ed Oathout, Far Out Forest Farm, PO Box 828, Altoona, FL, 352-669-7798, Fax 352-669-7925, [Faroutfarmfl@aol.com](mailto:Faroutfarmfl@aol.com)

Mar 15/16, Sand Hills Stampede, 55/30, 55/30, Sand Hills State Forest, Patrick, SC; Ride Managers: Patsy Gowen & Tim Worden, 803-329-0077, [firefoxrun@comporium.net](mailto:firefoxrun@comporium.net)

March 29, Ponce De Leon Pirate Run, 55/25, Ponce De Leon, FL; Ride Manager: Kim Williams, 1242 Double Pond Rd, Ponce De Leon, FL 32455, 850-859-2461, fax 850-547-5958, [kjwmystique@yahoo.com](mailto:kjwmystique@yahoo.com)

April 5, Florida Ag Museum, 50/25, Florida Ag Museum, Rt 1 & Old King Rd, Palm Coast, FL; Ride Manager: John Pavlos, [jpavlos@aol.com](mailto:jpavlos@aol.com)



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