

# From The Horse's Mouth

## Southeast Endurance Riders Association Newsletter

February/March 2008



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW- The SERA Convention for the 2007 year was fantastic, if I may say so myself. For those of you who did come, THANK YOU for supporting our organization. The members are why we exist, and the involvement of the members is why we continue to grow and enhance our sport here in the southeast region. For those of you who didn't make it to the year end convention and awards, you missed out on a wealth of information and I hope that you can get there next year....it is going to be even better!!!

For a brief recap of the convention, we had a beautiful setting at the historic lodge of Banning Mills. The lodge offers cottages or rooms with scenic views overlooking the river. There were also beautiful nature trails for those who arrived early. The main lodge had a conference room, a pool room, and dining hall that served an entire breakfast which was included in the room charge. SERA was set up on the lower floor with a meeting room that had surround picture windows to view the water below.

The meeting itself went off in an orderly fashion with the revisiting of some of the hot topics. A couple of these were the eight-year old rule and the fee for SERA sanctioning. With some discussion and then a vote, the membership kept both of these intact as they have been with no change or amendment. The trails fund will continue to benefit from a percentage of the sanctioning fee and the Trails Committee will be led by Sarah Engsborg. Lori Sumrall (who wasn't able to attend due to an illness) will head up the silent auction for this year to fund the 100 mile jacket program. So, please start thinking now of what you can donate to the auction. The more we have donated, the better the auction and therefore, more money will be raised. As for the officers, there was a vote to keep the current officers in place for the 2008 year. Next year will be election time for all officers and state representatives.

The speakers were Dr. Jeannie Waldron and farrier Guy Buck. Dr. Waldron spoke first and offered up a wealth of information that she has gathered over many years of research on the equine hoof flight patterns in relationship to different types of shoes. She had some fantastic video images in slow motion of horses and how they traveled in the various types of shoes. Guy Buck then spoke and backed up what Dr. Waldron had discovered, which is that the endurance horse needs to have an eased break over, with short toes and low heels. This does not mean that you have to compromise the angle of the hoof, but that there is no excess hoof wall at the heels. This can lead to sore heels in the endurance horse and lameness.

Dr. Ken Marcella then presented some interesting data on the new I-stat blood analyzer that SERA recently purchased. He began with giving some details on what the machine can do, how much the cost for testing will be and what type of results we can expect to have delivered. Then, for comparison, he used some of the information that has been gathered with the I-stat at some recent SE rides. There were a few surprises in the results from real horses at real endurance rides. Dr. Marcella wants to gather more information and says that with each use, SERA and its members will be able to make more informed decisions about our horse's health.

Of course we then enjoyed an evening of great food provided by the Banning Mills Lodge, followed by the GERA and SERA awards banquet. Angie McGhee did an entertaining presentation of

the honors. I think perhaps we should ask for a cover charge in the future for such a comedy act. After the awards, Tommy Crain and the Crosstown Allstars took the party up a notch, while many members danced the night away!!!

So, with SERA convention 2007 in the history books, it's time to look to the future. That future is going to be shining brightly in 2008. Many of us have already started our 2008 season and I do hope that those of you who haven't paid your membership dues have already dropped them in the mail. You certainly don't want to lose any points or miles. I hope to see you on the trails this coming year, and I would love to have you send me or just tell me any comments on improvements you have for our organization. Remember...SERA is only as good as its members....and we need all of you to be successful.

And remember, don't sweat the small stuff.

Jody Rogers-Buttram

## March Message

To clip or not to clip, that is the first question. When to clip and when not to clip, that is the next. Where to clip and where not to clip, yet another question, so this month I would like to discuss the topic of clipping the endurance horse. I deem myself the "clip queen" because I have done some type of body clip on my horses since the mid 70s. Along with all that clipping experience, I believe I could qualify for the "fastest clip" in some sheep shearing contest somewhere.

With the endurance horse there are pros and cons to the body clip. First, let's look at three different types of clips one might select. Remember, there are many others out there, so do a little research if you are interested in finding something else...or just be creative!!!

The traditional Hunt Clip has its lineage back to the fox hunters of the world. It was designed to keep the larger breeds used for fox hunting cool, and yet provide some protection to the horse when they traveled through brush. The Hunt clip takes basically all of the hair off, with the exceptions of the legs and under the saddle. The Hunt clip would *not* traditionally leave any hair to protect the girth area, only under the saddle in the shape of an English saddle. The legs would be left, with the hair at the top of the forearms following the natural curve of the forearm muscle. It is important to remember that in all clipping, following the natural curves of the horse's body will add some artistic presence, not just a hair removal process.

Advantages to this clip:

- Cools most of the horse
- Allows for easy cleanup due to the large amount of hair removed
- Does protect the back from saddle soreness

Disadvantages to this clip:

- Requires blankets for cold weather turnout/stabling
- Does not protect the girth area

The Trace clip is way more popular with the endurance rider. It will leave all of the hair on the horse, with the exception of a strip down each side starting at the rear of the horse, and traveling forward through the flank area, belly, chest and jugular. It gives the appearance of a horse that has been run through a side clipper, leaving all of the hair over the back, rump, sides of the neck, head, and legs. Again, this clip will cool the horse, but it also provides enough protection from the elements to help keep him semi-warm when turned out.

Advantages to this clip:

- Cools the horse
- Protects the back
- Provides some warmth for turnout in cold weather

Disadvantages to this clip:

- Removes a strip of hair at the girth area, therefore not protecting the girth area completely.

Now we come to the most interesting of them all. I call this one the “Mutant Endurance” clip. True, you won’t likely find it in a book somewhere. The mutant clip tends to be born of necessity. We have all seen it, and most likely enjoyed a good laugh at some poor horse’s expense. For a detail of what it can look like, please see this month’s Ms. Sera cartoon. She is sporting a classic Endurance Mutant clip. The EDC (Endurance Mutant Clip) has incorporated all the advantages to clipping, without any of the disadvantages. There is no one EDC, but a variety based on the needs of that particular horse and geographical location. The EDC will leave hair on all areas of the body that need protection, such as the entire saddle/girth area and lower legs. It will remove hair on all areas that need the benefits of the shorter hair coat, such as the jugular/neck, belly, flanks, and chest. The beauty of the EDC is that it can be totally customized, and in our sport, it is also totally accepted. It doesn’t matter if the clipper blades were dull, the horse was dirty, or that the clip master was slightly near sighted. Streaks of botched hair only give this EDC more true endurance character.

Advantages to this clip:

- Cools each horse based on where they live, how well they recover, or how much muscle mass they carry.
- Allows the horse as much warmth as the owner knows he needs for natural protection.
- That there are no set rules in how much is removed, where it is removed or how botched the job is.

Disadvantages to this clip:

- None unless you decide to take your horse out in public anytime in the next 3 months.

As far as when you should clip your horse, that will depend on when and where you plan to do your first spring ride. If it is very early in the spring, you might want to hold off another month. If it is going to be later, after which the day temperatures are climbing into the 70s or in the southern part of our region, you should probably do some type of clip. Another thing to keep in mind, is the distance you will be riding. A racing 50 miler will need to cool faster than a horse that is covering an LD distance at a moderate pace. Also, a 100 mile horse who is traveling slower, and into the cool night may not require clipping or at least, a minimal clip job. Do remember that clipping the hair on the back and the girth area may/can lead to a sore back or girth area due to the “stubby” hairs. If you do intend to clip these areas, please allow your horse at least one month to grow some length back in those areas. If not, you could be asking for trouble.

If you own a pair of really nice large animal clippers, I suggest that you keep that fact to yourself. It is very difficult to be asked by a close friend to borrow your clippers because you must then think of a tactful way to say no. Very important note here: NEVER take a pair of clippers to an endurance ride. If you must clip, do so at home. If you bring them to a ride, you will be bombarded by people when they hear the “Bzzzzz.” This will bring in folks that don’t normally clip their horse, and ones that certainly do not ever wash their horse with soap.

The really nice clippers, with the variable speeds, are very pricey, and once you have purchased them, you tend to fuss over them like they are made of gold. In fact, my pair IS golden...in color anyway. I bought mine back in 1986, and with proper oiling, storage, lots of new blades and NEVER clipping a horse that wasn’t scrubbed within an inch of bleeding....they still run like brand new. But of course, I never loaned them out either. So, don’t bother asking.

If you ride an equine yak, like Rose, you should certainly consider clipping. If you are lucky enough to own a Chihuahua horse, like Cash Pony, you may be able to bypass clippers all together. Whatever the case may be, do use caution when clipping your horse, and know that he needs to learn this process just like he learned to be shod. It takes a little patience, but they are fast learners, and quickly find that the loud monster with teeth really isn’t a hand held horse eater.

Jody Rogers-Buttram



## SERA AWARDS 2007

### LD Top Five

Rider	Horse
1. Patsy Gowen	PW September Hero
2. Susan Wilson	Onyx of Shammar
3. Eddie Edwards	Re Lea
4. Katherine Capps	Khomet's Sassi Bambi
5. Suzie Anderson	Rhythm in Red

### Open Top Ten

1. Stephen Rojek	Finch
2. Cheryl VanDeusen	DA Al Capone
3. James Davidson	Miciah
4. Lynn Kenelly	Reminisonce +/-
5. Ruth Anne Everett	Razz
6. Deborah McClary	HH Trinity
7. Adri Dinkelmann	Lucius
8. Sandra Thomson	Bey Shamala
9. Kara Disbrow	Veinte Corona
10. Alison G. Bailey	K-Zar Emmanuel

### Weight Division Champs

Featherweight	Deborah McClary	HH Trinity
Lightweight	Lynn Kenelly	Reminisonce +/-
Middleweight	Stephen Rojek	Finch
Heavyweight	Joseph Schoech	Kamakazi Bay B

### Junior Limited Distance

1. Erika Wilson	Midnight Bravo
2. Mallory Capps	Dasher
3. Mary Kathryn Clark	KA Mistari
4. Jennifer Sine	Goldenwoods Honey
5. Erika Wilson	Armuna

### Junior Open

1. Joni Buttram	Cash Bonus
2. Mary Kathryn Clark	KA Mistari
3. Joni Buttram	Petit Jets Aries

### Mileage

Adel Dinkelmann	Lucius
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Best Condition	Stephen Rojek	Finch
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100 Mile Club

Stephen Rojek  
Nick Meuten  
Ruth Anne Everett

Finch  
Fury  
Razz



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

Start making a list of items that you would like to donate to the SERA 100 mile jacket program. I know that we all have stuff that we don't use any more, or that we never used to begin with that someone else would love to have. The silent auction will be held at the 2008 SERA convention to raise money for this award. If you plan to participate in the program, please drop me or your state representative a note.

I would like to say THANK YOU to all that helped with the convention !!! I know I can't name them all, but I will try:

Laurie and Jim Underwood, Joe and Tamra Schoech, Susan Kasemeyer, Dr. Ike Nelson, Angie McGhee, Dr. Otis Schmidt, Dr. Jeannie Waldron, Tom Sites, Guy Buck, Tracy Behan, Teri Hunter, Debbie Parsons, and Tommy Crain and the Crosstown Allstars.

Submitted by: Jody Rogers-Buttram



### **Charlie Elliot WMA Trail Day**

*Zip-a-dee-do-dah, zip-a-dee-ay, My oh my what a wonderful day...* despite the weather!

This was our sentiments after the trail workday at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Management Area horse trail on March 8, 2008.

There was no doubt since it was endurance riders, all the volunteers that promised to be there would be, and they were! We had rain, sleet, snow, ominous black clouds, 35 MPH winds, 27 degree wind chill, and finally sun. All-in-all, the day was a success.

Thanks SERA for providing lunch, and thank you to all eleven SERA volunteers and four WMA volunteers. The WMA staff was very appreciative of the work. Both groups expressed hopes this could be the start of a long-term relationship with the possibility of adding more trails.

Charlie Elliott WMA is a 6,400 acre reserve with a 5.5 mile horse trail loop near Mansfield, Georgia. It is an excellent training loop with good footing and wide trails with varied woody terrain. It has water and a bathroom at the trailhead and there is no fee to ride. Just register at the trailhead.

Thanks again to SERA for your support of trails.

*Zip-a-dee-doo-dah, zip-a-dee-ay  
Wonderful feeling, wonderful day!*

Margaret Clower



## **Shelters in a Storm**

Yes, it's getting close to the start of hurricane season. If you have provided the SERA website with information regarding the availability of room for evacuees, please take a moment to review that information. And, if you can provide a place, please go to <http://www.seraonline.org/hurricanerelief.htm> and add your farm to the list.



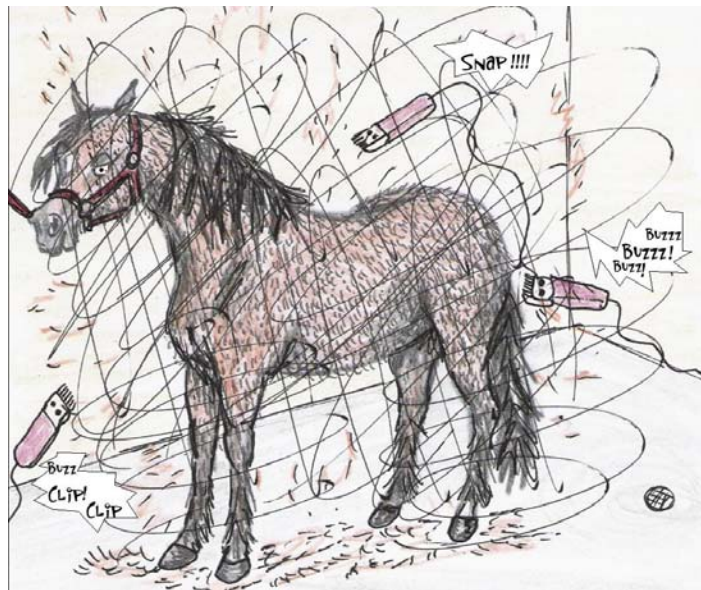
## **SERA Membership**

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).

# The Endurance Adventures of Ms. Sera

By Jody Rogers-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.



## News from the States

### Greetings to all from your 2008 SERA Kentucky Director:)

From time to time I will be sending information about what all is going on in Kentucky. Some months will have more information than others.

I am a member of the Kentucky Horse Council (who I am currently working with to link the SERA website to the Kentucky Horse Council website: [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org))

I am a member of the Friends of the Trail in Kentucky.

You do not have to live in the state of Kentucky to be members for these groups.

The Northern Kentucky Horse Network has a website they would like to announce:

[www.nkyhorsenetwork.com](http://www.nkyhorsenetwork.com)

If you have any information, questions, etc...

Contact Anna Zinkhon (President) [Anna.Zinkhon@fuse.net](mailto:Anna.Zinkhon@fuse.net)

(859) 801-1781

I know not everything is endurance related. Sometimes we attend trail summits, read about issues, or support our causes with emails to help us be more in tune with trails, etc..... Some of us travel to Kentucky to attend events, endurance rides/clinics, trail summits/conventions, etc..

We do not have hardly any Kentucky SERA endurance members, :( , so I will send the news (some of it is from the Kentucky Horse Council) in the Newsletter.

As most of you know, Jerry and I will not be managing the **LBL EXPRESS** any longer.

**Reasons: Ride Date Game** There are 4 new rides this year in the Southeast alone.

**WE want to go RIDE:)** We really want to go ride our horses and travel. We are not getting any younger:)

Jerry and I have given so much time, money, and support to **AERC** and **SERA**. It is now our time:)

I would gladly pass on any information to anyone who would like to manage a ride at LBL.

**JERRY, RYAN and I**, would like to thank all the **RIDERS, VOLUNTEERS, & VETS** who supported the **LBL EXPRESS** for the last **5 YEARS!** We thoroughly enjoyed doing it and giving back to **OUR SPORT!**

### **AERC CONVENTION 2009**

It is so cool that next year's AERC Convention will be in Louisville, Kentucky.

The information Kathleen (AERC Executive Director) gave me: Galt House February 20th-22nd, 2009.

More information later...

If you have any information you would like put in the newsletter...

Please send it to me: [hikryrdg@evansville.net](mailto:hikryrdg@evansville.net)

Have a great riding season,

~Diane Fruth

SERA Kentucky Director

### **Trails Summit**

On February 9th, 2008, Jerry and I attended the Trails Summit at Cumberland Falls in Corbin, Kentucky. What a beautiful place! Jerry and I cannot wait to take our horses back to ride:)

One of the speakers, Robert Stout, DVM [robert.stout@ky.gov](mailto:robert.stout@ky.gov), (502) 564-3956, state vet for the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, talked about passports, interstate travel, and the microchips.

**NEW NEWS:** Kentucky horse owners used to have a monthly health certificate. Now Kentucky may get an interstate 6 month passport. There are regulations that apply. You will have to keep a log of the travel for each horse and you will still need the 1 year coggins on each horse. Louisiana and Oklahoma will not accept photos. Horse owners will need a brand or a microchip for their horses. On the microchips, he said that for now horse owners will have to provide their own reader for the microchip. Go to their website to find out more: [www.kyagr.com](http://www.kyagr.com); Look under the office of state veterinarian, click on Equine, on the left hand column click on Interstate Event Permit Participating States; Apply Today. He suggested you contact your local vet if you have any questions. If the local vet doesn't know contact him: No fees will be charged from the state office; it will be the charges from the vets.

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I sat next to a wonderful lady (Cheryl Sabin) who is starting a bed and breakfast for horse owners traveling in LaGrange, Kentucky. Website: [www.bluegrasscountryestate.com](http://www.bluegrasscountryestate.com)

Bluegrass Country Estate

1226 Bluegrass Parkway

LaGrange, Kentucky 40031

(502) 222-2009 Toll Free: (877) 229-2009

She is currently checking for me on how large a rig she can handle:)

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Another Speaker: Lt. Governor Daniel Mongiardo ([www.ltgovernor.ky.gov](http://www.ltgovernor.ky.gov)) talked about the Kentucky trails in the future. They hope to have a statewide trail system that will travel from northern Ohio to southern Kentucky for Kentucky tourism by 2010! Kentucky Governor Steve Beshear's wife Jane is very involved with the horse industry in Kentucky. She has been an avid horsewoman for 30 years! She sits on the BOD for the 2010 Equestrian Games which will take place September 25th-Oct. 10th, 2010 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, Kentucky. They predict at the 2010 Games that 600,000 people will travel to Kentucky for the 16 days event. The Kentucky Trails Authority Wildlife Management areas are working with hunting recreational land use agreements. Bill Burger is working with the Lt. Governor to help move this along. He said they will need to move really fast to get everything they can accomplished by 2010! It was a wonderful event; they are tossing around the dates for next year, I will let you know as soon as I do:).

Please come if you can need to see more distance riders there! Without our trails, we would not be doing endurance rides!

~Diane  
SERA Kentucky Director

#### **REMINDER:**

For a calendar of 2008 equine activities throughout Kentucky please visit the Kentucky Horse Council calendar of events at [http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/equine\\_calendar.shtml](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/equine_calendar.shtml)

For a calendar of Trail Riding activities including meetings throughout Kentucky please visit Kentucky Trail Riding at <http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/trails/index.shtml> and click the trail calendar link.

If you would like to have your equine event added to the Kentucky Horse Council event or trail calendar please respond to this email including event specifics, date(s), time, location, and contact information.

**Masterson Equestrian Trust** has asked Lexington area equestrians to complete an online survey to gauge the level of equine use that Masterson Station Park currently experiences. If you use the equine facilities at Masterson Station Park in Lexington please take a few moments to provide the Masterson Equestrian Trust with feedback. To complete the survey please visit [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=163xCgsQvEc4v1VnbehG4Q\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=163xCgsQvEc4v1VnbehG4Q_3d_3d) before March 20, 2008. Please note: the survey can only be taken once from a given computer.

**Friends of the Trail:** Last year, the KY Horse Council started a small group called "Friends of the Trail" with representation from each of the major trail groups, plus Chair of the KY Recreational Trail Authority. This group's purpose was primarily to share information about trail projects, trail concerns (land managers perhaps talking about closing trails, etc.), and general trail education, for example, a speaker on GPS mapping. This year, we would like to invite all trail or saddle clubs to send a representative. Just to keep the group from getting TOO large, please no more than two (preferably one) person per group. If your group is involved in significant trail riding and trail support activities, it would certainly benefit you to attend! The group meets every other month starting in March on the THIRD THURSDAY at 6:00 at the KY Horse Park. The 2008 dates are: March 20<sup>th</sup>, May 15<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, and Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>. The KHC office will send out a reminder to all who would like to be on the list, including location. (Note: we can meet at other locations as long as it does not put undue travel demands on those attending.) We hope to get the new State Parks Commissioner to speak to us in March (waiting for confirmation).

The **AMERICAN HORSE COUNCIL CONVENTION** in Washington, DC is June 16-18, 2008. Hyatt Regency on Capital Hill; [www.horsecouncil.org](http://www.horsecouncil.org). Any information contact: Kathie Luedeke

[kluedeke@horsecouncil.org](mailto:kluedeke@horsecouncil.org)

**Better Horses Radio** show now being broadcast in Lexington: Saturday 7:00am WLXG 1300 AM

**Back Country Horsemen of America:**

To all National Directors,

Good news! The state of Kentucky has just submitted their application as an Affiliate of Back Country Horsemen of America. The Expansion Review Committee of Mike Reedy, Terry Morrison, JoAnn Van Der Geest, Merlyn Huso, Peg Greiwe, and myself will recommend approval of their application at the National Board meeting in Elko. The Committee has granted Kentucky conditional acceptance so they can immediately begin work.

We have also had inquiries from Vermont, Alabama, Louisiana, and South Dakota.

I trust you are working within your state organization to expand - both in the number of units and in membership. My request to you was to make this one of your goals for 2008 and I hope you made that a priority item for the coming year. I have had some good reports that this is happening.

The more we grow, the stronger our voice in keeping lands open for equine use.

Keep in touch,

Al Sammons - Expansion Chairman  
Box 407  
Riverton, Wyoming 82501  
307 856-5021  
[redmule@wyoming.com](mailto:redmule@wyoming.com)

The spring 2008 dates for the general Backcountry Trail workdays for all interested parties at Mammoth Cave NP are:

Saturday March 15  
Saturday April 19  
Saturday May 17.

Please share this information with all interested parties. The March 15 workday will be continuing the initial cut of the reroute of Good Springs Springs Trail, which will replace the terrible section of trail between Bluffs Campsite and Collie Ridge Road.

All workdays will meet at 9AM CST at the Maple Springs Trailhead/Parking area in Mammoth Cave National Park. All tools will be provided.

Larry Johnson  
Park Ranger  
Mammoth Cave NP  
270-758-2150

The **Cave Run** Non-motorized Trail Initiative Stakeholder Workgroup has three meetings scheduled over the next couple of months. The meetings are very important to trail enthusiasts in the Cave Run area. The workgroup includes representatives from several trail user groups and is open to the public. There are four trail riders who are on the committee, who have committed to representing the horseback riders in the area. Those members are:

Kathy Caudill	<a href="mailto:katspencercreek@aol.com">katspencercreek@aol.com</a>	859-498-5690
Greg Jones	<a href="mailto:giltmead@hughes.net">giltmead@hughes.net</a>	859-498-4337
Teresa Castle	<a href="mailto:tcastle@mrtc.com">tcastle@mrtc.com</a>	606-768-4221

Please feel free to contact any of the above representatives about the status and issues in the meetings. In addition, KHC will get copies of the minutes and post them on [www.kytrailriding.com](http://www.kytrailriding.com). Finally, these meetings are open to the public and anyone may attend, but the horse representatives are responsible for conveying to the Forest Service the perspective of the horseback riders, so please work with those representatives if you can. Meetings are scheduled for March 11, April 3, and April 22 at 6 p.m. in the Gateway Area Development Building located near the towns of Sharkey and Farmers.

As a member of the **Kentucky Horse Council** you are always welcome to attend board meetings. The KHC board meets every month in 2008 through November. Meetings are generally held on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. The next scheduled board meeting is February 26, 2008 at the Kentucky Horse Council office. Location of the board meeting may change based on the number of attendees. For a complete schedule of KHC Board meetings please visit [http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/equine\\_calendar.shtml](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/equine_calendar.shtml). Please note: the November board meeting will be held on the same day as the Annual Member Meeting which has not yet been scheduled.

If you would like to attend any of the KHC board meetings please RSVP by responding to this email or calling 859-367-0509 or 800-459-4677.

### **World Equestrian Games:**

This is so cool....be a volunteer!! Help with the Games!!

~Diane

SERA Kentucky Director

### **From the KY Horse Council:: Press Release AND Volunteer Requirements (bottom)**



### *Volunteers coming from around the World*

LEXINGTON, KY—In the first ten days since the launch of a new Web-based volunteer registry system, nearly 4,000 new volunteers have already signed up online for the 2010 Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games. The World Games 2010 Foundation estimates that at least 6,000 volunteers will be needed to work before and during the Games, to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park from September 25-October 10, 2010 in Lexington, Kentucky.

"The response we have received is heartwarming and overwhelming," said Cathy Rutter, Director of Community and Volunteer Relations for the Foundation. "We have received hundreds of emails from people all over the world, who want to volunteer their time, efforts, and resources to help make the 2010 Games a success. With this early response, I am confident that these volunteers will have a huge impact on the Games."

Volunteers from 49 states and 46 countries have signed up so far. More than 1,300 registered volunteers live in Kentucky, and nearly 700 people from states surrounding Kentucky have signed up. International volunteers from Russia, France, Chile, South Africa, and Thailand are just a few among the nearly 400 people from around the world who have already registered.

"This is the highest response of international volunteers that we have experienced on *TRS, The Registration System™*," said Florence May, President of Simply Hospitality, who coordinates online event management. "This global outpouring of enthusiastic interest mirrors the world-class level of these championships."

The World Games 2010 Foundation still needs several thousand volunteers, and the online registry is still open. To volunteer for the 2010 Games, please visit [www.feigames2010.org](http://www.feigames2010.org) and click "Get Involved." Those among the 17,000 people who had previously registered on the Games' Web site should update their profile to reflect any volunteer interests, now that a new volunteer system is in place.

All volunteers will be required to go through an orientation and training program before they can begin to serve with the Foundation. Volunteers will receive a variety of benefits for their efforts, including official 2010 Games apparel and volunteer credentials.

Volunteers will be able to specify the areas and dates in which they would like to serve at a later time. Volunteer opportunities include a range of tasks, from office assistants to competition duties. Those seeking volunteer opportunities within each discipline must list their related experience when filling out the online profile, in order to be considered.

The Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games, to be held at the Kentucky Horse Park September 25-October 10, 2010, are the world championships of the eight equestrian disciplines recognized by the Fédération Equestre Internationale (FEI), and are held every four years. The Games have never before been held outside of Europe; nor have all eight disciplines ever previously been held together at a single site— both firsts that will be achieved at the Kentucky Horse Park. The 2010 Games are expected to have a statewide economic impact of \$150 million. It is anticipated that more than 600,000 spectators will attend the 16-day competition.

## **Key volunteer information the 2010 Volunteers need to know:**

### **Benefits**

#### **Some of the benefits that the 2010 volunteers will enjoy:**

- Exclusive apparel items designed for volunteer identification during the 2010 Games, and as souvenir keepsakes;
  - Customized credentials for volunteer identification, and access to volunteer assignment area(s);
  - Volunteer hospitality (food, beverages) provided for volunteers while on duty;
  - Recognition throughout the community in a variety of media forums;
  - Post-Games volunteer reception event; and
  - Such additional benefits that may be developed by 2010 Games sponsors and partners.
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- **Requirements:** All volunteers must sign a waiver prior to volunteering, and if under the age of 18 a parent or guardian, must also sign. **Legal waiver will be accepted during on line registration and will be signed during orientation;**
  - **Language:** All volunteers must speak fluent English;
  - **Competition Operations:** Competition Operations is limited to volunteers with specific experience in the respective discipline. Therefore position placement in competition support, dressage, driving, endurance, eventing, para-equestrian, reining, show jumping and vaulting will require prior approval from the Competition

Director and the respective Discipline Managers. Placement in these areas will be based on experience and availability. **General registration is currently open in the respective disciplines. Specific opportunities and shifts will become available as the September 25, 2010 date approaches. Those opportunities and shifts will be regularly communicated through e-mail notification. Be sure to check your e-mail often for those opportunities;**

- **Orientation and Training:** All volunteers will be required to select a date for orientation during which they will receive information specific to the 2010 Games and their respective volunteer opportunity. Additionally, volunteers will receive branded apparel, credentials and special instructions for their volunteer opportunity;
- **Availability:** Volunteer opportunities begin now and will run through the 2010 Games, September 25 through October 10, 2010. The number of volunteer shifts per day will be based on the calendar of activities and competitions scheduled. Volunteer opportunities and shifts will be communicated on a regular basis through e-mail. **You must have an e-mail address to volunteer;**
- **Lodging, travel and Meals:** 2010 Games volunteers will be responsible for their own travel and hotel accommodations. The Games will provide meals during respective volunteer shifts.

## NEW HOTLINE FOR KENTUCKY HORSE OWNERS

Lexington, KY February 25, 2008 – In an effort to support the needs of the horse and horse owner in Kentucky, the Kentucky Horse Council (KHC), in partnership with the Kentucky Association of Equine Practitioners and the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association, has established a HOTLINE (1-866-634-0030) for Kentucky horse owners. The hotline is a network to connect resources – hay and other equine feed, vet and feed funding, rescue facilities – with Kentuckians who need those resources.

Designed as a tool for all horse enthusiasts, the hotline is a centralized hub of information that collects and shares all types of equine resources. Using the new hotline KHC will build upon already existing information sources that include equine rescue groups, hay alternatives for horses, helpful equine groups and resources throughout Kentucky. The hotline is an opportunity for people to volunteer their assistance and resources to assist horses in need, particularly now when the weather is cold and hay is very high priced. It is also an opportunity to identify alternatives to traditional approaches to feeding and managing horses in a drought year.

“The hotline is a means for the Kentucky Horse Council to meet the needs of the Kentucky horse owner and address the issue of the unwanted horse. This is the type of networking that defines the mission of the Kentucky Horse Council,” commented Board President, Madelyn Millard.

The hotline is the result of a Horse Industry Emergency Roundtable held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008. Participants in the roundtable - including a number of breed, veterinarian, rescue and animal control groups - had a lively and in-depth discussion of the difficult hay and unwanted horse situation in Kentucky. Solutions, problems and difficulties addressing the growing concerns were discussed and this hotline was one of the suggested tools.

The assistance provided through the hotline will be supported by donations to the SOHO (Save Our Horses) Fund. Donations can be made to SOHO online at [http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/SOHO\\_donate.shtml](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org/SOHO_donate.shtml) or by mail to Kentucky Horse Council, 4063 Iron Works Parkway, Suite 2, Lexington, KY 40511. To identify a resource for Kentucky horses and horse owners or for assistance call the HOTLINE at 1-866-634-0030.

**ABOUT THE KENTUCKY HORSE COUNCIL** - The Kentucky Horse Council is the result of a grassroots effort to combine the voices and interests of all horsemen, in order for horsemen to band together in support of all horse breeds and all disciplines in the state of Kentucky. The Kentucky Horse Council provides educational programs, grants, scholarships, personal liability insurance, trail riding programs, an annual statewide equine industry directory and opportunities for networking with other horsemen across the state of Kentucky. For more information, visit [www.kentuckyhorse.org](http://www.kentuckyhorse.org), where there is a link to the Kentucky Veterinary Medical Association.



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### Longstreet's Charge

May 24, 2008

50/25 miles

Remember when an "Endurance Ride" was expected to be *rugged*, not a gallop on a groomed course? When you didn't expect to be riding through yards and on the shoulder of paved roads? When crews traveled out on the trail to meet you and got an idea of the terrain you were covering? When you felt like you were conquering the kind of challenges your ancestors faced on horseback? When you were proud to wear your completion T-shirt because other riders knew you had done something not just *anyone* would try? Well, welcome to Longstreet's Charge, an ENDURANCE ride of the old tradition. Breastcollars recommended. Pads not a bad idea. No dress-code: no collars...no problem.

The trail begins at a primitive camping field with no amenities, follows a dirt railroad bed past abandoned iron mines into the "Pocket" a dramatic horseshoe canyon whose waterfall is a favorite for local rappellers. After crossing through the abandoned pocket homestead, riders turn up the rugged 3-mile North Pocket trail. You won't be galloping or trotting up this one...you'll be *picking* your way up. The Confederate Army didn't know much about designing "sustainable" supply routes. Once on top you've earned the gorgeous views on 25 miles of mountain top trail; most of which is single track, often with brow views (but well back with plenty of width). The mountain laurel will be in full bloom as you sponge from icy Laurel Creek. All vet checks except the finish are at the same away location under the oak trees of a mountaintop field. Crews will have an idea what the riders have accomplished because they have driven up the mountain admiring the same views the riders have enjoyed.

Some consider this ride "tough" but the horses disagree. The completion rate tends to be higher than many so called "easy" rides, thanks to the terrain-induced slower pace. If you enjoy amazing scenery, riding in undeveloped areas with other riders who enjoy an endurance course, you may have what it takes to earn the popular "Ride'em Like You Stole'em" T-shirt. We don't *give* them to you...you *earn* them.

For more information and the full flyer/entry form, please go to [www.seraonline.org](http://www.seraonline.org) or email Angie McGhee at [rides2far@juno.com](mailto:rides2far@juno.com).



## 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

#### 2008 Ride Calendar

**March 28/29**, Leatherwood Mountain Extreme Challenge, 50/25, Leatherwood Mountains, Ferguson, NC; Ride Manager: Abbie Hanchey, 336-973-5044, [abbie@goleatherwood.com](mailto:abbie@goleatherwood.com)

**March 29**, Ponce de Leon Pirate Run, 55/25, Ponce de Leon, FL; Ride Manager: Kim Williams, 850-859-2461, [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)

**April 5**, Trace Tribute, 55/25, Primm Springs, TN; Ride Manager: Angie Fura, 931-682-2772, [angie@TraceTribute.com](mailto:angie@TraceTribute.com)

**April 18/19**, Chicken Chase I, II, III, 55/30, 50/25, 50/25, Henryville, IN; Ride Manager: Amy Whelan, 606-638-4852, [arabsrun@lycomonline.com](mailto:arabsrun@lycomonline.com)

**April 19**, Million Pines Classic Elevator, 50/30, Soperton, GA; Ride Manager: Wesley Crowe, 912-529-3956, [soppharm@plantel.net](mailto:soppharm@plantel.net)

**April 26**, Hallelujah Moonlighter, 50/25, Camden Hunt Country, Camden, SC; Ride Manager: Lucie Hancock, 803-428-3924, [lhbhnck@ftc-i.net](mailto:lhbhnck@ftc-i.net)

**May 3**, Biltmore Challenge, 100/50, Asheville, NC; Ride Manager: Cheryl Newman, 828-665-1531, [cherylnewman@charter.net](mailto:cherylnewman@charter.net)

**May 17**, Blazing Saddles, 50/25/fun ride, Long Leaf Trailhead, DeSoto National Forest, Laurel, MS; Ride Manager: Terry Price, 601-946-7437, [johnterryprice@bellsouth.net](mailto:johnterryprice@bellsouth.net)

**May 24**, Longstreet's Charge, 50/25, La Fayette, GA; Ride Manager: Angie McGhee, 423-316-9036, [rides2far@juno.com](mailto:rides2far@juno.com)

**June 28**, Region XII Round Up, 100/50/30, Big South Fork NRRRA, Oneida, TN; Ride Manager: Eric Rueter, 865-599-3954, [BSFER@knoxvilleArabianHorseClub.com](mailto:BSFER@knoxvilleArabianHorseClub.com)

**September 4/5/6**, Big South Fork Pioneer, 50/30, 55/30, 100/50/30, Big South Fork NRRRA, Oneida, TN; Ride Manager: Eric Rueter, 865-599-3954, [BSFER@knoxvilleArabianHorseClub.com](mailto:BSFER@knoxvilleArabianHorseClub.com)

**October 2/3/4**, Alabama Yellowhammer Pioneer, 55/30, 50/25, 50/25/10 mile fun ride, Talladega

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

### **SERA Sanctioned Rides for 2008**

December 1, Blackwater Boogie, 50/25

December 15, Goethe Benefit Challenge, 100/50/25

January 12, Gator Run III, 50/25,

January 18, Delightful Trails, 55/25/10 mile fun ride

February 2, Bugaboo, 50/25

February 8/9, Camp Osborn Boy Scout Pow Wow, 2-day 100/50/25, 75/50/25/10 mile fun ride

February 23, Lost Posse Run III, 50/30/15 mile fun ride

March 1, Lee County Lizard Run, 50/30

March 8/9, FITS, 50/35, 100/55

March 15, City Slickers, 50/25

March 15/16, Sand Hills Stampede, 55/30, 55/30



### **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) 2007-08 Ride Calendar**

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)

Apr 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)

Apr 19, Million Pines, 50/30, Soperton, GA; Ride Manager: Wesley Crowe, 912-529-3956, [soppharm@planttel.net](mailto:soppharm@planttel.net)

Apr 26, Hallelujah Moonlighter, 50/25, Camden, SC; Ride Manager: Lucie Hancock, 803-428-3924, [lbhbhnck@ftc-i.net](mailto:lbhbhnck@ftc-i.net)

May 3, Biltmore Challenge, 100/50, Asheville, NC; Ride Manger: Cheryl Newman, 828-665-1531, [cherylnewman@charter.net](mailto:cherylnewman@charter.net)

May 10, Florida Stampede, 60/30, Green Swamp West, Dade City, FL; Ride Manager: Todd Garrett, 941-732-2119,

May 17, Red Barn Run, 50/25, Chester, GA; Ride Manager: Cheryl Perry, 229-356-1987, [cperry60@alltel.net](mailto:cperry60@alltel.net)

May 24, Maggie's Moonlight Gallivant CTR, 25, Holder Mine Recreational Facility, Trail 10, Withlacoochee Forest, Inverness, FL; Ride Manager: Brandi Bobst, 352-302-3804, [racengirl1@yahoo.com](mailto:racengirl1@yahoo.com)

June 21, GERA Elevator, 50/25, Dawsonville Forest, Dawsonville, GA; Ride Manager: Sandy Thomson, 678-300-4500, [sandyatdock@aol.com](mailto:sandyatdock@aol.com)

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



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## ADVERTISING RATES

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Non-members - \$.20/word, with a \$5.00 minimum

Display ad - Camera ready copy (per insertion, discounts for multiple runs).

1/8 page - \$10

1/4 page - \$15

1/3 page - \$20

1/2 page - \$50