

# **From The Horse's Mouth**

## **Southeast Endurance Riders Association Newsletter**

**January 2007**



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

As most now know, the convention will be in Helen, GA on 20 January 2007. After Diane Fruth canvassed the membership, it was clear that the cost of the Atlanta area was too great for some. Atlanta has become a high cost area as far as facilities so we decided to find a nice place not far from the Greater Atlanta area that was more affordable. I think Diane has done a wonderful job in doing that.

We plan on a good convention with a good educational program (ulcers in performing horses). We are planning a panel discussion on the new drug rule that is emerging from AERC and hopefully we will have a draft on hand. Stagg Newman has agreed to head up the panel. This is your chance to get your input into your AERC board members. The final event of the evening will be Tommy Crain and friends playing for your listening and dancing pleasure.

With another year winding down it's time for reflection on our sport and where we have come and where we are going. We have come a long way in this sport. Just when you think the sport is becoming too "big for its britches" we go to a ride that reminds us of the first ride we did. The beauty of the sport is it is many things for many people. In the Southeast the sport hasn't changed much. Our rides have gotten bigger but not more formal. We still go and we still have fun. We don't get carried away with the "small stuff."

We like to ride our horses. Some of us like to ride our horses fast – some like to ride them slow. Some are there to win – some are out there to finish. Some are out there to win prizes – some are out there to enjoy their horse. In the Southeast everybody is welcome. We seem to just get along. This is what attracted me to endurance riding in the late 80's and it seems to be just as true in the Southeast now as it was then.

I invite you to come to Helen to celebrate our organization and to celebrate our sport.

See Y'all in Helen  
Truman

## **SERA/GERA ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS**

**Saturday, January 20, 2007**  
**Unicoi Lodge, Unicoi State Park**

## Helen, Georgia

Featuring the Tommy Crain Band for your entertainment following the awards dinner

**Dinner reservations in advance are required** to Tamra Schoech at 770.554.1545 or [SERAgA@bellsouth.net](mailto:SERAgA@bellsouth.net). Dinner is \$25 per adult, \$12.50 per junior. You may prepay or pay on site.

The **deadline for reservations** is Sunday, January 14.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS: *Rooms are being held for SERA/GERA until December 19 (room cancellations must be made 48 hours in advance)***

The phone numbers for reservations are: (800) 573-9659. Rooms are \$80/night, 1 bedroom cottages are \$89/night, 2 bedroom cottages are \$99/night. Camping facilities also available. For more information about Unicoi Lodge and State Park, go to <http://gastateparks.org/net/go/parks.aspx?LocationID=98&s=0.0.1.5>

Additional lodging available at various motels in Helen, Georgia (<http://www.helenga.org/>).

Cabins for rent at Sunburst Stables (<http://sunburststables.com/>).

### Schedule of Events Saturday, January 20, 2007

9:00 am	GERA Membership Meeting
10:00 am	SERA Membership Meeting
11:00 am	AERC Membership Meeting
Noon	Lunch on your own
1:00 pm	Dr Frank Hurtig: Bring home the prize and not the ulcers: Practical thinking about gastric ulcers in performance horses
2:30 pm	Drug Testing and AERC
3:30 pm	Ride Managers Meeting
6:30 pm	Dinner (by reservation) and GERA & SERA Awards
8:00 pm	Miller/Crain Band



### REMINDERS!

Annual meeting/awards dinner reservations—Contact Tamra for reservations

Membership renewal time—Renew online or mail in; see website for form

Check out the list of SERA sanctioned rides elsewhere in the newsletter!



## News from the States

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!!

From your Kentucky Director/SERA Convention Coordinator:)

Well....I hope to see everyone at the convention this year:)

I know it's a long way for some....BUT no excuses on rides being held that weekend!

We will have a great time: Silent Auction, Great Speakers, a wonderful Awards Dinner with GERA/SERA and of course THE WONDERFUL Tom Crain and his BAND!  
Please note that we will have a RIDE MANAGER'S MEETING AFTER the Drug Testing and AERC TALK, for all the ride managers attending the SERA Convention:)

This is your convention SO PLEASE TRY TO MAKE IT!

Here are the directions to the Lodge for the SERA Convention:)

### DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO UNICOI

From: **ATLANTA, GA**

**GA 400 North** to the end. Go Straight through the 1<sup>st</sup> traffic light. Turn Right at the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic light onto **GA 115 East** to Cleveland (13 miles). Turn Left (around the Courthouse) in Cleveland, at the intersection of **GA 115** and **US 129 North** onto **US 129 North**. Turn Right at the next light onto **GA 75 North** to Helen (9miles). One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the sign to Unicoi.

**I-85 North** to Suwanee from I-85 North or I-75 North to Atlanta

Bare Left onto **I-985 North** to Gainesville. Take **Exit 24 (formerly exit 7) -- US 129 North** to Cleveland (23 miles). Go Straight at the 1<sup>st</sup> traffic light in Cleveland around the Courthouse. Turn Right at the next traffic light onto **GA 75 North** to Helen (9miles). One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi.

From: **GREENVILLE, SC**

**I-85 South**—Take the **Lavonia/Toccoa Exit** onto **GA 17 North** to Helen. One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the sign to Unicoi.

From: **CHATTANOOGA, TN** (3 hours either way)

**I-75 North** Cleveland, TN--**US 64 East** to Hayesville, NC. **NC 69 South** to **US 76**. Turn Left on **US 76** – through Hiwassee to **GA 75 South**. Turn Right on **GA 75 South**. One mile North of Helen, turn Left onto **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi.

**I-75 South** to Dalton—East on **GA 52** to Dahlonega. **GA 52** to **GA 115 East** Cleveland (52 bears to the Right—to Lula). Turn Left (around the Courthouse) in Cleveland, at the intersection of **GA 115** and **US 129 North** onto **US 129 North**. Turn Right at the next traffic light onto **GA 75 North** to Helen (9 miles). One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi.

From: **KNOXVILLE, TN**

**US 129 South** to Blairsville—Approximately 20 miles South of Blairsville, turn Left onto **GA 75 Alternate**. Turn Right at Stop Sign onto **GA 75 South** (1/2 mile)—turn Left on **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi.

**I-40 East** to **US 441 South**—South on **US 441** (to Sevierville); South to Clarkesville, GA, North on **GA 17** to Helen. One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi.

**I-40 East** to **Us 23 South** (nearly to Asheville)

South on **US 23** to Dillsboro, South on **US 23/441** to Clarkesville, GA, North on **GA 17** to Helen. One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi.

From: **SAVANNAH, GA**

**GA 17 North** to Helen. One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi.

**I-16 North** to **Exit 18** (Soperton/Adrian)—**GA 15 North** to Athens, **US 441 North** to Cornelia, **GA 105 North** to end, turn Left on One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi. One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi.

From: **AUGUSTA, GA**

**I-20 West** to the **Thomson Exit**, **US 78 North** to Washington, **GA 17 North**. One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi.

**I-20 West** to the **Thomson Exit**, **US 78 North** to Athens, **US 441 North** to Cornelia, **GA 105** to the end. Turn Left on **GA 17 North** to Helen. One mile North of Helen, turn Right onto **GA 356** and follow the signs to Unicoi.



## **Blackwater Boogie Ride Photos**

For those who rode the Blackwater Boogie ride on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, photos taken during the ride can be viewed at

<http://www.shutterfly.com/pro/angryfilly/Blackwater06>



## **Attention Ride Managers!**

All SERA sanctioned ride managers should make sure they put into their ride flyer the statement:

"Juniors Must be Eight Years Old to Participate"

I know a lot of you do that already, but some don't and it should be there to be in compliance with the AERC rules.



## CLASSIFIED ADS

17 yo Arab/SB gelding – Founder ended his endurance career but he would be an excellent mount for a youth or adult rider interested in LDs or just trail riding. No medicines or corrective shoeing required. Sweet and willing temperament. Candidates should have general horsemanship and riding skills as he will take advantage of timid or inexperienced riders. \$500 Please contact Angie @ 931.682.2772 or [trailsend@hughes.net](mailto:trailsend@hughes.net)

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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 [SERAgA@bellsouth.net](mailto:SERAgA@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

**Feb 3**, Cow Pen Trail, 50/25, Osceola State Forest, McClenny, FL; Ride Manager: Cindy Treece, 904-259-2522

**Feb 9/10**, Camp Osborn Boy Scout Pow Wow I/II, 2-day 100/50/25, 75/50/25, 480 Camp Osborn Rd, Sylvester, GA; Ride Manager: Jamie Ginter, 229-777-9618, [ericjamieginter@aol.com](mailto:ericjamieginter@aol.com)

**Feb 17**, Far Out Forest, 100/50/30, Far Out Farm, Altoona, FL; Ride Manager: Edwin Oathout, 352-669-6502

**March 11** (Sun only), Fun in the Sun, 100/55, Goethe Forest, Dunellon, FL; Ride Manager: Jan Stevens, 406-784-2469, [circlebarranch@rangeweb.net](mailto:circlebarranch@rangeweb.net)

**March 17/18**, Sand Hills Stampede, 55/30 & endurance intro clinic, 55/30, H Cooper Black Field Trial and Recreation Area, Patrick, SC; Ride Managers: Patsy Gown and Tim Worden, 803-329-0077

**March 23/24**, City Slickers, 50/25, 50/25, Shelby Farms, Memphis, TN; Ride Manager: Terry Silver, 901-268-1127, [turquoisehorses@aol.com](mailto:turquoisehorses@aol.com)

**April 7**, Trace Tribute, 50/30, Primm Springs, TN; Ride Manager: Angie Fura, 931-682-2772, [trailsend@hughes.net](mailto:trailsend@hughes.net)

**April 28**, Witch Dance I, 55/35, Tombigbee National Forest, MS; Ride Manager: Raymond Rowland, 662-456-3854, [Rowlandhardware@bellsouth.net](mailto:Rowlandhardware@bellsouth.net)

**May 5**, Biltmore Challenge, 100/50, Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC; Ride Manager: Cheryl Newman, 828-665-1531, [cherylnewman@charter.net](mailto:cherylnewman@charter.net)

**May 12**, Blazing Saddles, 50/25, Longleaf Horse Trails, Laurel, MS; Ride Manager: Terry Price, 601-605-6079, [farmerprice@earthlink.net](mailto:farmerprice@earthlink.net)

**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)

**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 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**, Hampton Classic, 50/25, Lakeland, FL; Ride Manager: Teri Hunter, 863-859-4005, [teri@distancehorsegear.com](mailto:teri@distancehorsegear.com)



## **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**

Jan 25-28, FHA 3-Day 100 CTR, Far Out Forest Farm, Altoona, FL; Contact Person: Hope Binkley, 352-669-1819, [cowgirlup88@clicksouth.net](mailto:cowgirlup88@clicksouth.net)

Feb 3, Cow Pen Trail, 50/25, Osceola Forest, Lake City, FL; Ride Manager: Cindy Treece, PO Box 133, Macclenny, FL 32063, 904-497-8135

Feb 10/11, Withlacoochee 30 CTR, Lecanto, FL, Ride Manager: Jodie Moore, 352-621-3231, [crackshotacres@aol.com](mailto:crackshotacres@aol.com)

Mar 3/4, Indian Hammock 25 CTR, Indian Hammock Ride and Hunt Club, Okeechobee, FL; Ride Manager: Jean Basinai, 863-367-3712, [ShowManBob@isp.com](mailto:ShowManBob@isp.com)

Mar 9/10/11, FITS Endurance, 50/25, 50/25, 100/55, Goethe Forest, Dunnellon, FL; Ride Manager: Jan Stevens, 406-784-2469, [circlebarranch@rangeweb.net](mailto:circlebarranch@rangeweb.net), Entry Form & Info: [www.fitsenduranceride.com](http://www.fitsenduranceride.com)

Mar 17/18, Sand Hills Stampede, 55/30, 55/30, H Cooper Black Field Trial and Recreation Area, Patrick, SC; Ride Managers: Patsy Gowen and Tim Worden, 803-329-0077, [FireFoxRun@Comporium.net](mailto:FireFoxRun@Comporium.net)

Apr 21, Million Pines Classic Elevator, 50/25, Soperton, GA; Ride Manager: Wesley Crowe, 912-529-3956, [soppfarm@planttel.net](mailto:soppfarm@planttel.net)

May 5, Biltmore Challenge, Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC; Ride Manager: Cheryl Newman, 828-665-1531, [cherylnewman@charter.net](mailto:cherylnewman@charter.net)



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All articles must be received by the 25th of the month to be published in that month's newsletter. If provided electronically just type into an email message or a file attachment in Microsoft Word or Excel.

SERA sanctioned rides are entitled to a single printing of a ride flyer, front and back, one page only or a full-page ad, free of charge (8 ½ x 11). Multiple printings, or a longer ride flyer, will incur additional charges. All sanctioned rides are listed on the SERA website.



**ADVERTISING RATES**

SERA members - 25 word classified ad (personal items only) free for 3 months pending space availability.

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

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

1/8 page - \$10

¼ page - \$15

1/3 page - \$20

½ page - \$50