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## READY.....SET.....RIDE!

Check your chapter's ride schedule, get your truck and trailer ready to haul, and let's go hit the trails!

## CHECK YOUR TIRE PRESSURE!

(and other sage advice for travel) by NACMO members Larry and Sara Dick

**AS WINTER** finally draws to a close, you're probably itching to load up your rig, hit the road and head out to your favorite riding spot. But before you do, be sure to take time to ensure that your tow vehicle and trailer are ready for the road. A few minutes spent ahead of time on preventive maintenance and inspection (both now at the beginning of the season, or anytime prior to hauling) could easily prevent hours of inconvenience out on the road in the future.

Following are some tips (for all kinds of trucks & trailers) to consider before you hit the road:

**De-winterize your LQ:** Drain any antifreeze from the system; fill the water tanks and turn on all the water to flush any antifreeze out of the fixtures. If you used RV antifreeze, it is likely alcohol and safe to drink - but check to be sure! Let the water run through the fixtures until the pink color is gone and there are no more air bubbles in the system. This is a good time to put the chemicals in the toilet, as well.



Preventive maintenance and periodic inspections can help prevent road-side headaches like this flat tire.

**Check your batteries:** Use a tester to see if the battery is fully charged, and charge it up if you need to. Keep an eye on it - if it seems to lose charge too quickly, it may be time for a new one. It is not a good idea to keep it plugged in and charging all the time - it is better to allow it to charge, then unplug when it is full. Some campers have a switch to shut off the power to the battery, so when you are at an electric site or at home, you can plug in the camper and your lights will work - but, without charging the battery.

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## 2013 Season Award Winners Announced

**WHAT A** year! Nationally, 2,340 rider entries were recorded for participants in the 111 ride-days held across the nation last season. And while the number of ride-days remained unchanged from the 2012 season, the number of rider entries increased by 24, or 1%.

As always, the competition was both fierce and friendly as teams and individual-riders vied for placings in

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## National Board Annual Meeting Report

**THE ANNUAL** NACMO Board Meeting was held on March 12th via internet chat room. Five members of our national board were able to attend to address some issues of importance to our sport. We are in good shape financially and are starting the 2014 season with a balance very similar to previous years.

We passed a motion to have the national board provide up to \$200 per year to each active chapter to be used for donations to groups and venues etc. that would benefit from our support and would help further trail access etc. Let your state rep. know if there is a group or park that needs our support and let's make new friends for CMO.

Check out the map section on the national website - there are park maps for  
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## Board Member Q & A

**NACMO Treasurer & National Pointskeeper, Jim Klein, talks about his role as a board member.**



*NACMO Treasurer & National Pointskeeper - Jim Klein and his wife Wendy enjoy a ride in the Hawaiian islands*

**MM: How did you come to join CMO? What path brought you here?**

JK: Our family had been getting flyers for CMO rides for a summer or so, before we finally decided to try it. The first ride we attended (1989), was over the opening weekend of the fishing season here in Minnesota, so this turned out to be the extreme sacrifice for me as a fisherman. We never looked back!

**MM: What are you known for professionally? How long have you been doing that?**

JK: I have been in and out of engineering and surveying for my entire career. Drawing maps of the various properties and projects was something that I had done during that time. Applying those skills towards orienteering was just a natural for me.

**MM: Tell us about your family, horses, etc.**

JK: The kids were around and grew up in horse camps, learning how to trust that they could find their way while on a CMO ride. This may have helped them in their life-pursuits.

Now, we have 5 horses, 2 dogs, 2 cats and anything else that wanders into the "sponge-farm" (nothing ever leaves here).

**MM: What most excites you about serving on the NACMO board & the contribution you can make?**

JK: I'm pretty much following in the footsteps of the founding personnel - trying to keep the game alive, fair, friendly to newbies, and to keep the checkbook in the black. I am especially proud of our awards-program, and am always very happy to give back to the merit achievers - both annual and lifetime awards.

**MM: What are you passionate about personally? What do you really enjoy? What can't you stop talking about?**

JK: I am always looking to make things easier. Most of the things we do are already hard enough. We don't have to make them harder, so I am always looking for better ways. One of my mottos: "Make it easier for the next guy."

**MM: Where can we find you when you're not working? What's your favorite way to spend a weekend or a Sunday afternoon?(other than on your horse or CMO'ing, of course!).**

JK: My second love is Sporting Clays Shooting. I shoot it well, and also instruct a lot of folks on the sport. I really enjoy the teaching part and have had a lot of success in starting and helping shooters learn and excel at this game.

**MM: Where did you grow up and why aren't you there now?**

JK: Our family moved from the east cost when I was 12. It was like Lewis and Clark taking off to explore the great unknown, and we never looked back.

**MM: Any awards or medals, or even medallions?**

JK: I have made it to the top nationally, as an individual rider a few times. I have also been high overall shooter at lots of different shooting clubs over the past 25 years.

**MM: What would be impossible for you to give up?**

JK: All of the good times we have as family and friends.

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# ASK MUFFIN

*For all of your CMO-related questions, just ask "Muffin". She'll provide answers to your questions so you can stay at the top of your game!*

**Are you stymied by a situation that occurred at a ride? Wonder about a rule, or need guidance on trail etiquette? Whatever sort of CMO-related questions you have, just ask "Muffin". She'll answer your questions and help get you back in the game!**

Dear Muffin,

CMO is one of the most affordable horse activities around, but that being said - I wonder if there is a way to make it even more affordable for families? I think some chapters may have policies in place that allow for reduced-price ride fees for children. And what if a child is riding double with mom or dad - does the child still need to be registered and pay a ride fee? Is there a national policy on this? And if so, how would that affect the liability insurance that NACMO carries? The insurance covers any damage or injury caused by a participating horse, right?

Signed, Family of Riders

Muffin says:

Dear Family of Riders,

You said it - CMO is definitely one of the most affordable equine activities around, and we want to do everything we can to encourage family participation!

Let's start with your question about the liability insurance, first. According to rule R-3, only registered members may participate in a CMO ride pursuant to insurance requirements. Our insurance policy covers NACMO and its Directors for liability-only; it also covers the places (state parks; state forests, private land-holdings, etc.) that have requested they be included as additional insureds attached to our policy. The insurance does not cover riders for medical or farm liability. If your horse were to kick someone's car, or if you fell from your own horse and were injured, there is no coverage through this policy.

Currently, three options are available for membership: Annual; Daily; and for those who have managed 20 or more rides - Lifetime. To participate in a sanctioned ride you must be in one of those categories of membership, regardless of your age (juniors included). In addition to your membership, you must also register (and pay applicable ride fees) with the Ride Manager, for each day in which you intend to ride (again, juniors

are included). Children riding double with another person are still deemed participants, so they must have a membership and register for each ride.

There is no national policy regarding reduced-price ride fees for children at the current time. It is solely at the discretion of the ride manager to offer reduced fees if they so choose, as the discount essentially comes out of the ride manager's pocket. The National Board, however, is currently engaged in discussion regarding how NACMO can encourage junior rider participation while still offering the best possible value. An option currently being considered by the board is to set a schedule (at the national level) that would have different fees structured for adults and juniors.

All in all, our sport is still very affordable to families; the awards are there for the participants; and the national prices for membership and rider fees have not increased in over 25 years. That is a pretty darn good record!

Look for more news on the subject of ride-fees to appear here in future issues of the Meadow Muffin as the national board works through the issue. Have a safe and great riding season this year; come on out and support your ride

managers and local chapters, and get some quality family-time in while doing it!

Sincerely,

*Muffin*

*Answers to "Ask Muffin" questions are based on NACMO board member opinions and do not constitute a rule-change or addition. Rather, they are suggestive of what the board as a whole, believes proper behavior to be. **Please submit questions for "Ask Muffin" to your state Director, or via email to: askmuffinCMO@gmail.com***

▶ **Klein**  
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**MM: What would people be surprised to know about you?**

JK: I really never rode horses before CMO came along. We had a couple of horses, way-back-when, but I never rode. This game gave me a new thing to try, and I had to start at the very bottom. Never looked back, though.

**MM: Thanks for sharing with us, Jim - and congratulations on winning the National Long Course Individual Rider Champion title!** ■

## ► Tire Pressure

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▲ Larry Dick poses with two of his trucks.

**Check your tires:** Make sure tires are inflated to the recommended pressure, and check for signs of wear (bulges, cracks or tears). Make sure that you check your spare tire, too. It is much easier to deal with a tire issue at home rather than on the side of the highway! Cracks are a sign of dry rot - you may get a few trips out of cracked tires, but the heat of travel will make the situation worse. If in doubt, replace them. You'll travel with peace of mind knowing that your tires won't blow out while you're traveling 65 miles per hour through Chicago!

If you have greasable wheel hubs, grease them before your first trip, and if not - have your wheel bearings packed every couple years. If you can't recall the last time they were checked and/or packed, it's probably time to do it.

**Spring-clean:** On a nice, sunny, warm day pull the mats out of your trailer. Wash both the mats and the trailer floor if you didn't do it in the fall. The buildup of urine, manure and dirt can eat away at your trailer floor, and often the mats trap moisture and debris underneath. This is also a good time to inspect the trailer floor for any weak spots or rust. That same sunny day may also be a good time to give the exterior of your trailer a good wash! Doing so will allow you to perform an overall inspection of the trailer for any rust, damage or wear that you can take care of now, before it gets any worse.

## Keep These Things On Hand When You Travel

### Always carry:

- A tire gauge (to check tire pressure)
- A tow strap
- A spare tire in good shape and aired up
- A jack and tire iron that fits your trailer and tow vehicle
- Basic tools

### Consider carrying these items, too:

- Spare bulbs for your trailer lights
- 12 volt air compressor, with a hose long enough to reach your tires (seems like common sense, right? Don't ask us why we thought of this!).

**Check the lights:** Make sure that the brake lights, turn-signal lights and marker lights on both your tow vehicle and trailer are all in working order. This is another thing that is far easier to fix at home in the driveway instead of out on the highway!

Regular maintenance:

**Check your tire pressure:** Every time before you leave for a weekend with your trailer, check your tire pressure, including the spare. It is even more important on hot days - the tires will heat up more when they are low on pressure. Also, check your tires for heat whenever you stop on your way to and from your destination - excessive heat in the tire or the hubs indicates a problem that is easier to deal with at a rest stop or a McDonald's parking lot than the side of the road! If you notice extreme heat,

you should check the air pressure in your tires again, to make sure that it is at the right level. Heat can also be caused by insufficient grease in your hubs, but that is hard to check on the road. In any case, slow down because high speed creates more heat. Don't forget to check your tire pressure.

Check the fluids: Check the oil in your tow vehicle every time you leave on a trip, and fill it if it is low. Oil lubricates and cools your engine parts, preventing damage. Also, check the coolant level, transmission fluid level, and the

differential fluids at the beginning of the season. The differential fluids don't have a dipstick, so consult your vehicle's manual to find out how to check that. Also, four-wheel drive vehicles have a transfer-case near the

transmission that should be checked at the beginning of the season, as well. Once again - consult your manual for details on the transfer case.

Did we mention that you should check your tire pressure? ■

**Editor's Note:** Article co-authors, husband and wife, Larry and Sara Dick are members of the IN/IL Chapter who met through CMO! Sara has a Ph.D. in Microbiology and teaches at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana. Larry has been driving and working on semis since he was 15, and has owned his own truck for 29 years. He has been an over-the-road driver, and now does local work (Indiana) for Luckey Tank Lines.

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some of the WA and IN/IL chapter CMO venues there and hopefully you will all submit more so we eventually have a really complete library of maps of ride locations all over the country.

Accepting classified ads in the Meadow Muffin was suggested and you may submit them for horses and related items, although since the MM comes out only quarterly, the horse or other item advertised may be sold before the ad comes out! Additionally, NACMO bears no responsibility should a "sale transaction" go wrong. Submit your ads to: TheMeadowMuffin@gmail.com.

Major discussion centered on how each of our chapters charge junior riders. Our rules require all riders to be members (either annual, lifetime or day) to ride and all riders must be registered, but there is quite a bit of variation in what the ride fees for juniors are from chapter to chapter and even from one Ride Manager to another. That is the topic for this month's "Ask Muffin" article. So check that out and let your representative know your thoughts for when we take this up again at our next meeting in April. A national policy or guideline for junior riders to pay half the adult rider fee (\$5 in most cases) is one suggestion.

Tabled until the next meeting in the interests of time, was a discussion on the NACMO awards for cumulative horse and rider points. Should we have some specific alternatives to the traditional awards? New awards? Again, your state representative would love to have your input! ■

## ▶ Award Winners

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various national award categories. Whether you ride to win, or simply to enjoy the scenery and camaraderie out on the trail, cheers to everyone who competed, and congratulations to those who achieved top placement!

Top three placings in each adult/team category are reflected here, with top ten placings shown for juniors. Visit the NACMO website for a complete list of all placings! ■

### National Team Leaders - Long Course, top 20

ID	Team	Ride Group	Points	# Riders
IN-4	Babes of the Woods	INIL	80	135
MI-6	Wild Women, Tame Horses and A Stud	MI	80	131
MI-2	Gurlz in Gear	MI	80	115

### National Team Leaders - Short Course, top 20

ID	Team	Ride Group	Points	# Riders
WA-35	Donner Party #2	WA	40	62
WI-07	Dynamic Duo	MNWI	40	51
IN-1	Wild Mares	INIL	40	39

### Long Course - National Individual Leaders, top 20

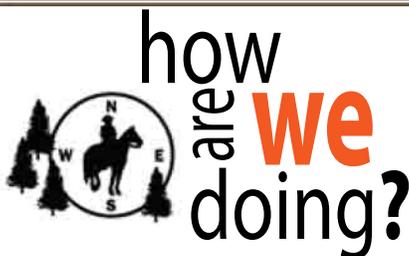
ID	Name	Ride Group	Points	# Riders
2191	Jim Klein	MNWI	80	52
5802	Jeff Thornton	WA	79	50
1297	Kathy Davis	WA	77	70

### Short Course - National Individual Leaders, top 20

ID	Name	Ride Group	Points	# Riders
5685	Patricia Richerson	INIL	35	39
4707	Billy Ruh (4 rides)	MI	32	49
5950	Linda Knutson	WA	31	47
5998	Cindy Hotz	MI	25	52

### NACMO Junior Riders, 2013

ID#	Name	State	2013
4647	Samantha-Jo Mattox	WA	254
6032	Katelyn Potter	MI	249
4662	Jessica Bates	MI	157
5363	Jessica Brown	MN	128
4324	Paige Wallery	WI	118
6012	Alexis McEwan	IN	109
5826	Austin Carson	MI	88
5874	Jessica Oldroyd	WI	86
6061	Sarah Smith	IL	75
5654	Keith Newton	IA	75



CMO Ride-Stats from Across the Country

Chapter	Number Rides/Riders	
	2012	2013
WA	26/573	25/491
IN/IL	24/433	24/569
MI	20/633	21/616
MN/WI	20/369	20/444
NJ/NY	11/120	9/151
AL	0/0	7/28
ID/WA	10/188	5/40
<b>Total</b>	<b>111/2316</b>	<b>111/2340</b>

# Top 25 CMO Horses and Riders

Ever wonder who is the "Best of the Best"? Check out these national rankings to find out!

Top 25 Horses Nationally					
ID#	Name	Owner	Through 2013	2014	Total Points
5	Houdini	Noella Novarra	2727		2727
712	Buddy	Noella Novarra	2645		2645
553	Lancer	Jim Klein	2482		2482
933	Taco	Fred Hanson	2295		2295
40	Impulse Overdraft	Dave Caldwell	2045		2045
738	Skeeter	Lisa Kaiser	1866		1866
885	George	Vicky O'Connor	1829		1829
444	Toi	Leona Merryman	1811		1811
41	Kociemba Magic	Dave Caldwell	1802		1802
334	Rio	Jim Klein	1794		1794
1200	Nizzon	Lisa Kaiser	1691		1691
3161	Whiskey	Fred Hanson	1662		1662
717	Jazzi	Jim Beaty	1538		1538
962	Proven Innocent	Sherri Wager	1501		1501
3013	Poco Sue	Royla Westphal	1471		1471
3273	Viper	Donna Amos	1456		1456
1102	Shamrock's Mist	Mary Gazaway	1448		1448
1201	Dagwood	Linda Weber	1399		1399
3313	Zima	Larry Dick	1393		1393
1079	Flame	Cindy Debiak	1385		1385
348	Knicker	Patricia Kopp	1364		1364
3891	Boze	Sherri Wager	1279		1279
774	Cheyenne	Megan Youngs	1231		1231
84	Shadowfax	Bill Joos	1173		1173
462	Tune's Cowboy	Alison Bennett	1170		1170

Top 25 Riders Nationally				
Only current NACMO members are included.				
ID#	Rider	Through 2013	2014	Total Points
1147	Noella Novarra	8163		8163
2143	Ross Tillotson	6230		6230
1261	Leona Merryman	5569		5569
2191	Jim Klein	4946		4946
1174	Donna Amos	4182		4182
1575	Fred Hanson	3812		3812
2089	Marti Caldwell	3731		3731
2091	Sara Dick	3640		3640
1296	Chris Barnett	3481		3481
1294	Linda Weber	3284		3284
1414	Julie Gore	3199		3199
1380	Lisa Kaiser	3061		3061
2344	Patricia Kopp	3027		3027
2342	Ron Baillargeon	2940		2940
2577	Vicky O'Connor	2891		2891
1276	Mary Gazaway	2822		2822
2192	Wendy Klein	2751		2751
1600	Royla Westphal	2643		2643
2194	Megan Youngs	2580		2580
1345	Pat Mouw	2417		2417
2179	Roxie Bank	2395		2395
2694	Syenja Chesna	2343		2343
2818	Bruce DeVries	2289		2289
1297	Kathy Davis	2286		2286
4647	Samantha-Jo Mattox	2277		2277

## YOU TOLD US ABOUT YOUR HORSE(S)!

Thanks to everyone who took the recent survey - read on to learn the results:

**WHAT BREED** of equine do you think is best suited for CMO, and how many do you own? Those questions and others like it were answered by members who took the online survey that was mentioned in the last issue of the Meadow Muffin.

Overwhelmingly, results indicated that you feel any breed of equine is appropriate for our sport - especially, as one member wrote, "ones who are broke." That certainly helps, doesn't it?

Three quarters of you keep your equines at home, and the remainder of you board elsewhere.

When asked to indicate which breed(s) you own, The American Quarter Horse won out with 36% of the vote, followed closely by Arabians at 31%. Tennessee Walkers came in next at 27%, followed by "Other Gaited", Appaloosas, Paints, Thoroughbreds, Warmbloods, Welsh Pony, Mustang, and Fox Trotter. Additionally, there were several write-in responses for Drafts, Mules and Burros.

Most of you (30%) own only one equine; 18% own three; and those of you who own either two or "seven or more" tied at 14%! Ten percent of you own four; 7% own five; and 2% own six. The final category, those who own zero, but ride a friend or relative's horse, came in at 2%.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey - the results are proof-positive that ANY equine can excel in CMO!

# A Much Beloved Horse

By Denise Bingamon -  
IN/IL Chapter



▲ Denise and her beloved JoJo

## Hi Fellow CMOer's,

We were asked to take a brief survey and tell about our horses and so I did, but then it occurred to me that I really couldn't tell the story I wanted to with that survey. I hope you enjoy what I am about to share.

This story began for me at the first CMO of 2009. It was at Mt Eschol (IN) where I met the horse that would change my life. The name of this wonderful horse is Model's Joyce, a full-blooded black Percheron. She was at this ride because her current owner was rebuilding his wagon and training a new pulling team. Joyce was one of two surviving horses from a terrible accident in February 2009 when she and her team who were pulling a wagon were struck from behind by a tanker truck.

We were all fawning and fussing over these gentle giants. The draft horse is a wonderful breed and I had not the pleasure of being around them before. Her owner offered to let a friend of mine ride Joyce and she made the comment that I needed to ride this horse as well.

There was no way I getting up there! At the time I was riding a 13.3 hal-flinger. He was very safe and close to the ground so I did not have far to fall. Did I mention my nickname was crash? After some cajoling she got me to ride

this beautiful horse. I was in love. I had to have Joyce, but I figured he would want too much for her. However there was no harm in asking what he would sell her for. His response floored me; he had owned her all her life (16 yrs) and that life on the road, pulling the wagon, had begun to take its toll and that if he could find the right home for her he would gift her to the owner. I thought I was going to die.

Anyone who knows me knows I am a great horse owner. They are my babies and they want for nothing. So after taking a picture of her (that did not truly show how large she was) I sent it to my husband and asked if could I bring her home. You should have seen the look on my husbands face when he saw her for the first time! She seemed massive next to the halflinger.

Joyce, who later became JoJo, taught me so much. I learned better balance, became more confident, and life was wonderful. I looked forward to riding since we had become such buddies. In 2010 our team was the National Champs and I was so proud of her. When I first took her out on the trails she really had to adjust, as if she were asking 'where the heck are my paved roads and you want me to do what?' What a joy to help her become a horse that did not work all the time, just a horse that had fun.

We had some ups and some downs with her health over the years, but we finally got her on the road to recovery and I was sure that 2013 would be our year. She looked so wonderful that people did not believe me when I told them she was 20 years old. She was in the best flesh since I had gotten her. Her attitude was that of a young horse and she was always ready to go. We were waiting for spring to hit the trails.

My story now turns to the worst day in my life. The day JoJo, my buddy, colicked and after a heartbreaking 24-hour battle I had to admit defeat and make the misery for her stop. Surgery was not recommended with her history and age, so we did the only thing we could for

her. We let her go to sleep. There is not a day that goes by that I do not miss her and as the first anniversary of her passing approaches the heartache returns.

When I lost her I really thought about just getting out of horses. How could I ever love another horse as much as JoJo. How could I ever have that bond again? As you all know time heals all wounds and things do get better. I decided to stop feeling sorry for myself because that is not what she would have wanted for me and I went in search of my first gaited horse.

When I found Little Bit it was love at first sight. Things went well and she came home with me. To end this story on a good note I will tell you what hap-

pened with this horse and how sometimes things are just meant to be. This beautiful paint mare surprised us on August 23, 2013 by giving us a foal. We did not know she was expecting so can you imagine the look on our faces when we found the foal the next morning? Total shock I tell you! No

one knew she was in foal, not even the people I bought her from. So now I have this cute little baby named Bitsy and am looking forward to learning lots about raising a horse.

While I am still sad over JoJo, I am looking forward to the bond I have been able to build with Bitsy from day one of her life. Thanks for reading and we will see you out on the trails. ■

**Editor's Note:** *To learn more about Joyce; her previous owner (Bob Skelding); and the terrible accident in which she was involved prior to Bob gifting her to Denise, visit [www.wagonteamster.com](http://www.wagonteamster.com).*

*We'd LOVE for you to submit your own horse story for publication in the Meadow Muffin! Please send articles, with or without pictures, to:*

*[TheMeadowMuffin@gmail.com](mailto:TheMeadowMuffin@gmail.com)*



▲ Bitsy

# Chapter News

Note: Chapters that do not report news show contact information & top 3 placings. Encourage your State Director to submit news and photos for the next issue!



## ALABAMA

Jaime Ruff - AL Director

Hello from Alabama!

**The Alabama** chapter is off to a good start. We had a small teaching/clinic at a private farm, with 6 in attendance who welcomed me gratefully for teaching them about this new, exciting trail sport. Our banquet date is set for March 22nd at Paul M. Grist State Park. We'll have a short meeting on "What is CMO", and then head down the trail to find a few demo objects; enjoy the trails; and head back to camp. Afterwards we will have potluck and awards.

At current, we are planning one ride per month at locations that will include: Wind Creek, Paul M. Grist State Park, Heart of Dixie, and as far away as Bankhead and Talladega National Forests. Hope to see you there!

**Jamie**



## INDIANA/ILLINOIS

Marti Caldwell - IN Director  
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**WHAT A** great ride season we had this past year! The IN/IL Chapter is very proud to be the home of the National Long Course Champion Team (Babes of the Woods), as well as the National Short Course Individual Champion Rider (Patricia Richerson)!

In addition to hosting twelve rides this past season, our chapter was very active in promoting our sport. A HUGE "Thank You" goes out to graphic designer, Karly Volk for her hard work in developing a promotional brochure for the IN/IL Chapter! The brochure was distributed by our chapter representatives while exhibiting at the Illinois Horse Fair (Mar. 7 - 9), and will be used again at the Hoosier Horse Fair (IN) on April 5th!

Our Chapter's ride schedule is filling up - will we beat last year's twelve rides? Schedule your ride today today to help make 2014 our best season yet!

### IN - Long Course Team Placings

- 1st** Babes of The Woods
- 2nd** 49er Border Jumpers
- 3rd** Seeing Spots

### IN - Short Course Team Placings

- 1st** Wild Mares

### IN - Long Course Individual Placings

- 1st** Theresa Serry

### IL - Long Course Team Placings

- 1st** Boonie Whompin Yee-Ha Chicks
- 2nd** Pegasus
- 3rd** The Gypsy Travelers

### IL - Short Course Individual Placings

- 1st** Robin Sahner

**IL Rookie of The Year**



IL Rookie Award Winner Ben Kamen pictured with Jamie Reed

**High Pt. IN Jr. Rider Runner Up**



McKenna Farrell (Also Indiana Rookie of the Year!)



"Babes of the Woods" team: Jeanie Richardson, Marti Caldwell, Barb McGivney, Sara Dick, and Larry Dick

**National High Point Long Course Team**

**150 Rider Points**



Linda Gunter



Krysten Gunter

**High Pt. Junior IL Runner Up**



Brandon Cathcart

**High Point IL Junior Rider**



Sarah Smith

**50 Rider Points**



Karly Volk



Kyla Reed

**50 Rider Points**



"The Donald" award recipients Brandon and Charlie Cathcart (IL) pictured with presenter Pam Talsky (WI)

**High Point IN Junior Rider**



IN High Point Junior Rider Alexis McEwan and IN/National Short Course Individual Rider Champion Patricia Richerson

**IN & National Short Course Indiv. Champ**

**1000 Rider Point Award**



Michaela Cruson and Kandace Reed



Patricia Richerson, Theresa Serry, Linda Byer, Jamie Reed



Robin Sahner sings a-cappella at IN/IL Chapter Awards Banquet

## A Special Performance

**Singer/songwriter Robin Sahner wowed IN/IL Chapter banquet attendees with a specially written song!**

**Spend** a little time in the company of IN/IL Chapter member, Robin Sahner, and you'll quickly realize what a multi-talented individual she is. Robin, who currently serves as chapter Treasurer, and Webmaster for the NACMO website, has a love of both horses and song.

At our recent awards banquet, Robin treated us to an a-cappella performance of a song she wrote to sum up what goes on in a Ride Manager's head. Following are the song lyrics - which are set to follow the melody of that old classic, "76 Trombones":

(Here's what you ride managers are thinking while you're setting up)

Seventy-six degrees from the sticker bush  
And a hundred and ten from a big maple tree  
And the plate can go right below this big branch right here  
So it will be very hard to see

(No wait, that's too easy)

Seventy-six degrees from a little hill  
And a hundred and ten from over a brook  
Both the readings are long enough  
It will be real tough  
Just to figure out where to look

(Yeah, that will get them)

There'll be lots of CMOers out there on the trail  
Searching here, searching there all along the way  
Doubling back to look again and they will fail  
This is hard - that's what they all will say

And the teams will still be out there as it's getting dark  
Searching here, searching there harder than before  
Looking, looking up and down  
Up in the trees and on the ground  
And feeling frustration even more

(But, except for me, people find things)  
(So here's what you ride managers are thinking after the ride)

But in the end the targets, they all were found  
But you know it's the truth if I had my way  
I'd have made them so hard to find  
But for limiting the time  
They would still be searching today  
Yes, they'd still be searching today

(Wait til next time!)



Illinois Father-Daughter team (Star-S) Garvin and Sarah Smith try on their new "Nighttime Riding Gear": helmet-mounted lights and clip-on compass flashlights!

Night time  
Riding  
Gear  
Recipients

## Indiana/Illinois 2014 Ride Schedule

<b>April 26/27</b>	<b>Wildcat Creek</b> Bringinghurst, IN
<b>May 17/18</b>	<b>Middle Fork State Park</b> Danville, IL
<b>June 7/8</b>	<b>Kankakee River State Park</b> Bourbonnais, IL
<b>June 14/15</b>	<b>Matthiessen State Park</b> Utica, IL
<b>June 28/29</b>	<b>Salamonie Lost Bridge West</b> Andrews, IN
<b>July 19 (Saturday)</b>	<b>Miller Woods</b> Lake Village, IN
<b>July 20 (Sunday)</b>	<b>Deep River</b> Hobart, IN
<b>August 16/17</b>	<b>Midwest Trail Ride</b> Norman, IN
<b>Sept 20/21</b>	<b>Middle Fork State Park</b> Danville, IL
<b>Sept 27/28</b>	<b>Tippecanoe River State Park</b> Winamac, IN
<b>Oct 25/26</b>	<b>TBA - Jubilee Park (Brimfield, IL) or Jim Edgar State Park (Chandlerville, IL)</b>
<b>Nov 8/9</b>	<b>Kingdom Prairie</b> N. Judson, IN



# MICHIGAN

Cindy List - MI Director

The snow was piled high outside but that did not stop any Michiganders from getting to our 2013 Banquet in Lansing Michigan. We had a great turnout with lots of new members and lots of families. We were at Tony M's banquet room and the food and service were great. The prizes were plentiful and everyone was very impressed with the prizes the committee picked out. It was wonderful to see everyone and talk horse stuff. We all need that during this time of year.

We had a silent auction and the place was full of stuff for sale. There was a 3 tier saddle rack, horse videos, baked goods, fly masks, tack, and many more items. We made 404 dollars for our club. Thank you to all those who donated items to help make the Michigan club successful.

Last but not least, we would like to thank the banquet and awards committee for all of their hard work. The committee members were Rebecca Ferris, Cindy Debiak, Val Kadzban and Shelly Novakowski. It is important for everyone to know how much work goes into ordering prizes and taking orders from members and putting it all together. What an outstanding job!!

We can't wait until the first ride in Michigan but we may have to snowblow the trails before we can ride. With record snowfall and temperatures this year, the horses seem to be holding up pretty good. The horses are shedding but the wind chills are still below zero some nights. Gotta love the Michigan weather. Good Luck to all the Chapters this year. We hope you have a safe and fun ride season.

## MI - Long Course Team Placings

- 1st Wild Women, Tame Horses & A Stud \*National Reserve Team
- 2nd Gurlz in Gear
- 3rd Freedom Riders

## MI - Short Course Team Placings

- 1st Little Buckaroos
- 2nd Also Ran
- 3rd Horse Lovers

## MI - Long Course Individual Placings

- 1st Royla Westphal \*Also Reserve National Female

## MI - Short Course Individual Placings

- 1st Cindy Holtz
- 2nd Billy Ruh \*National Male (4 Rides)

## MI - Junior Awards

- 1st Katelyn Potter \*National Runner Up
- 2nd Jessica Bates
- 3rd Austin Carson



Little Buckaroos  
Austin & Colleen Carson



Katelyn Potter



Vicki Horsley



Royla Westphal



Cindy Holtz



Deborah Schrock - Ice  
Trudi Reurink - Sensational Rambo Cowboy (BO)



Jessica Bates  
Jr. MI Reserve



Jr. New Rider Trophy Recipients  
Katelyn Potter & Kayla Masselink



Cindy List - 500 Pt. Award



Linda Kraai, Royla Westphal, Cindy List



Austin Carson



150 Lifetime Rider Points



300  
Rider  
Points

2014  
Ride  
Managers



200  
Horse  
Points

## Michigan 2014 Ride Schedule

May 17/18	<b>Hadley Hill</b> Ortonville Recreation Area Benefit for OREA
May 30/31, June 1	<b>Pink It Up - BEE Brave CMO</b> Silver Creek, Hamilton, MI Benefit for Mary Kay Ash Found.
June 14/15	<b>Horses for Hope CMO</b> Elba Equestrian Complex Benefit for Horses for Hope
July 12/13	<b>Riding to the Rescue CMO</b> D bar D Benefit Osceola Animal Shelter
Aug 9/10	<b>Waterfalls of Michigan CMO</b> Ely Lake Campground 5020 - 116th Ave., Fernville, MI
Sept 13/14	<b>Beverly Hillbillies Hoedown CMO</b> Waterloo Recreation Area
Sept 27/28	<b>Back to School CMO</b> Cummings Ctr., Mt. Morris, MI
Oct 4/5	<b>It's a Mexican Fiesta CMO</b> YMCA Camp Eberhart Three Rivers, MI



## MINNESOTA WISCONSIN

Jim Klein - MN Director  
Lisa Kaiser - WI Director

### MN/WI - Long Course Team Placings

- 1st K Klan
- 2nd Team Iowa Old Newtons
- 3rd Speed Kills

### MN/WI - Short Course Team Placings

- 1st Dynamic Duo
- 2nd Dysfunctional Duo
- 3rd WOOF

### MN/WI - Long Course Individual Placings

- 1st Jim Klein
- 2nd Connie Brown
- 3rd Vicky O'Connor (3 rides)

### MN/WI - Short Course Individual Placings

- 1st Barb Partington (2 rides)
- 2nd Lori Morlan

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**Summer 2014 Issue Submission Deadline: June 1, 2014**

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# NEW JERSEY PENNSYLVANIA

Janet Citron - Director

Greetings from the North East!

**Here in** the states of NJ and PA we are experiencing the worst winter weather in decades. We have had repeated snowfalls of 6 -12 inches and ice storms where communities have been without power for 2 weeks. We are not use to having below-zero temps, and neither is the farm equipment. We have had water lines to the automatic waterers and frost-free hydrants, frozen in the ground. But spring will be here soon right?

Our region is getting our act together, scheduling our rides; Scott Arndt will join the experienced Ride Managers, as he will manage his first ride in August.

Shelia and Janice are back on track with their ride at Birdsboro in September along with The Nonne-makers, Sandy G, Steve L, Janice E, and myself.

I am sad to say Noelle and Bill VanderBrink are planning on making that southwardly move to Florida this year. We will miss them, as they have been part of this NACMO family for many years, hosting many rides at their home and also being Regional Director for many years before I took the position.

Everyone is anxious to get going!!! Will the snow and ice ever go away?

*Janet*



◀ Farm Snowman complete with "horse-adornments" made by one of the students at Janet Citron's Three Bays Farm.

## NJ/PA - Long Course Team Placings

- 1st** Pocono Pony Express
- 2nd** Cross Country Explorers
- 3rd** Triperfecta



# IDAHO E. WASHINGTON

Jeannie Payton - Director

**WELCOME** to Jeannie Payton as she begins her first full season as Director of the Idaho/East Washington (Selkirk) Chapter! Selkirk's ride schedule is already filling up - most impressive!!

### Idaho E. Washington (Selkirk) 2014 Ride Schedule

March 22	Compass & Map Reading Potluck Training
10:30am	Franklin Park: 120 W. Queen, Spokane, Wa.
April 12	Riverside S.P. - Garfield Area - to benefit Rough Start Horse Rescue
May 24	Riverside S. P. - Equestrian Area
June 28	Riverside S. P. - 7 Mile Airstrip
July 26/27	Mt. Spokane S.P.
August 16	Riverside S. P. - Equestrian Area



# WASHINGTON

Donna Amos - WA Director

## WA - Long Course Team Placings

- 1st** Hopalong Casulaties
- 2nd** Fred's Harem
- 3rd** Hot Flash Honeys

## WA - Short Course Team Placings

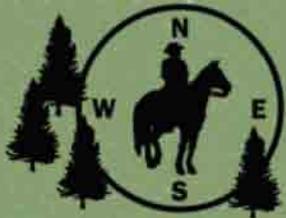
- 1st** Donner Party #
- 2nd** Laughing Cowgirls
- 3rd** Mileage May Vary

## WA - Long Course Individual Placings

- 1st** Jeff Thornton
- 2nd** Kathy Davis
- 3rd** Fred Hanson

## WA - Short Course Individual Placings

- 1st** Linda Knutson
- 2nd** Laura Lluellyn
- 3rd** Anne Marie Franke



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**Competitive Mounted Orienteering (CMO)** is a safe, fun equine activity for all riders. Dubbed "The Thinking Horse Sport", CMO is similar to a mounted treasure-hunt, which tests your horsemanship; your map-reading ability; and your compass-skills – all while having great fun with your horse! The object of the sport, which is sanctioned by the National Association of Competitive Mounted Orienteering (NACMO), is to ride out as an individual or a team, on a prescribed course and find as many hidden markers as you can, in the shortest amount of time.

Riders travel at their own pace, finding markers in any order. While speed can be key, CMO is definitely not a horse-race. Finding the markers is more important than speed, and often the fastest riders rush past landmarks only to lose time backtracking.

CMO is great fun with a fantastic group of folks! All riders and all types of equines (minimum 3 years old) are welcome.

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NACMO members are encouraged to submit articles that may be of interest to other members, as well as photographs and write-ups on rides which they have managed, or in which they have participated.

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