



*Eastern Competitive Trail Ride Association
August 2017*

In Memoriam — Greg Senseney



“Charles Gregory (Greg) Senseney passed on August 10 due to a fungal infection. He was diagnosed with leukemia Sept 2016 and due to an excellent clinical trial, he was cancer-free at the time he was hospitalized July 3. However, his immune system was compromised and this was the second battle with a fungal infection this year. He lived his life as he wanted: bowling and riding his horses. He did not want to live in a bubble.

“There was a Celebration of Life on Aug. 20 and we had a very good turn-out with many funny stories to share most of them from ECTRA competitions. He would have loved being there in the center of attention.

“Thank you to everyone who has called, emailed, sent FB postings and cards. Your support has been very helpful to me. It was his wish to have people give blood if possible or donate to a charity of your choice in his memory.

“I will get back to competition once I get the fat off these horses. Hope to see everyone at Chesapeake in September. Happy Trails, Brenda”

Not a lot of ECTRA members were aware of Greg's illness, but we all share in the sorrow of the loss of such a vital member and dedicated volunteer. Greg took over the Points and Mileage job, a massive undertaking, after the passing of Jane Soule, and Brenda undertook the awards program and acquisition of the many awards present at the annual Awards Banquet. We are grateful to both of them for the innumerable hours spent on ECTRA's behalf. We extend our sincere condolences to Brenda and Greg's families. You can contact her at 1752 Rohrsersville Rd, Knoxville, MD 21758.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mary Coleman wrote "The first week of August found many of us at the gorgeous fairgrounds in Fryeburg, Maine. I went to help and eat lobster this year since I am one of the elite members of the 5 day club (those that have finished every day). Also included in that are Mary Hornbaker, Katie Vogel, Colleen Gallos and Donna Curtin. This year we welcomed Roxanne Winslow, the only rider added in 2017. This group has finished the LDs every day, normally around 130 miles for the week. However 2 other members, Joyce Sherman and Kara Thomas, have finished every distance offered: 255 miles! If I could only go to one ride a year this is the one I would chose! Great ride and great vacation too!" Mary C

Jim Theurer wrote, "After this weekend of our ride I felt like putting some thoughts down about being a ride manager.

REFLECTIONS OF A RIDE MANAGER

Before I start with my thoughts I probably should tell you a little about our ride, the Muckleratz Run. Unlike many rides we are not backed by an organization. Our ride is put on by a small group of very devoted individuals. I am the ride manager, Lindsey Cooke is the ride secretary, Carolyn Blocker, besides being our recorder from the start, is in charge of awards. And my wife, Marianne, and daughter, Laura, are in charge of food. My son, Scott, sees that the horses have enough water on trail. From the start, I believe it's been nine years now, we have had a small core of very knowledgeable and experienced judges and

volunteers, many of them ride managers themselves, who always help. I could not get through a ride without them. This group includes an Icon who shall remain nameless but she knows who she is. We also have a few clubs that have helped us. This year it was Trail Blazers 4H Horse and Pony Club, Juniata Seeing Eye Puppy Club and Friends of Weiser State Forest. After we pay our bills we make a nice donation to each of the clubs who help us. And I shouldn't forget our local Ham radio club members who are our spotters. So here are my thoughts and feelings after this last ride.

1. Unless you are totally crazy, DO NOT schedule an endurance ride, vacation and a weekend of competitive trail rides in the same month. The month will be over and you won't know where it went. I am getting old fast enough as it is without doing this to myself. And do not ask your wife to help with another ride in a couple months. You will find out that is grounds for a divorce.
2. Always expect the unexpected. Last year the week of the ride we found out our water source wasn't available. We have no natural water in our state forest and must haul it in. DCNR dug up the reservoir and shut our water supply off. So we had to scramble to get permission and find a pump to get water from my neighbor's pond. This year a month before the ride I called the man I have rented our camp from for the last 5 years to make sure I could get the porta potties in. He informed me he was no longer in charge of the camp, didn't have the name of who was and didn't know if they had our dates. When I finally got the name they didn't answer their phone for 3 days. Talk about panic! But I finally got through and they said yes, Jim the horse man you have the camp but we didn't have a number to contact you.
3. Expect cancellations. We usually get several cancellations because of heat. Now our ride is the last week in July, wouldn't you expect it is going to be hot when you enter? This year before our CTR the weather service put out a flood warning expecting 4 inches of rain. Six riders cancelled 2 days before the ride. But if you looked at the weather more closely our area was supposed to get

less than an inch of rain the night before and the heavy rain was going south of us. The weekend of our ride the rain quit by 3 in the morning and the high temp during the ride was 71 degrees. You can't get weather better than this in July.

4. Expect volunteers to come out of the woodwork or should I say woods. I am always worried I don't have enough P&R people and this year like others we had lots of good help.
5. Some of the jobs you can expect as ride manager - mark trail (but that puts me on my horse), direct parking, move porta potties, figure out how to unlock a porta potty that got locked from the outside, haul horses off the mountain, find someone to run for a new tire for a trailer, be expected to go chase a bear off the trail, pick stones out of a horse's hooves before their trot out so they can get the completion, make announcements till you lose your voice and clean up the grounds after every one leaves (fortunately our riders have been very good about cleaning up their own area).
6. Expect to be grouchy occasionally. And if you are working with your spouse expect to growl at each other once in a while.
7. Expect it to take almost a week to get everything cleaned up and to be exhausted at the end.
8. In spite of some of these and because of others expect to have a really nice well run ride.

I just want to thank everyone again who helps make this ride a success. That would be our management team, our volunteers, our judges and our riders. After the camp was inspected by the owner's rep he put us back in the books for the same weekends next year. So mark those dates on your calendar.

Jim Theurer

RIDE SAFELY: TYING HORSES

BY LOUISE LESTER

My first horse was a retired Standardbred who was fine as long as he was cross tied. However, being a foolish kid I tried many times to tie him by his leather halter or bridle [this was before we had nylon or biothane]. My parents weren't happy with the destruction of his head gear as well as his running home without me.

Over the years I have seen horses caught up in what their owners thought were adequate means of securing them. By nature horses don't like to be tied to anything because that lion might come and attack them. Therefore we try to train a horse to allow us to confine them with a halter on their head which is tied or clipped to a solid object.

There are various ways of securing your horse so that it won't walk away while you're working on it. Usually people use cross ties where the horse is tied between two solid objects, or they tie the horse by one rope attached to one solid object. The first concern is whether the solid object is really solid. I once had my TB yearling filly tied to a hitching rail made out of telephone poles. I was walking away from her when she spooked for some reason and the hitch rail came apart and she pulled it back for about 10 feet before the weight of it stopped her. She never forgot that and for all of her 23 years she was all right with cross ties but I never trusted her single tied even in a trailer. Sometimes she would stand well and then other times she would fly back and struggle. Needless to say I single tied her very carefully and as infrequently as possible.

The other concerns are rope that you're using as well as the clip on it. Anything less than 1/2" can be a problem and cause harm if it gets wrapped around a leg and cause a rope burn. Small clips can break at the worst time. Knots which are not easily untied can stop you from releasing your horse. I recommend a slip knot or bowline. During a LTARE clinic [large animal rescue], I was told that a bungee type tie becomes a projectile if a horse pulls back or falls down and a snap comes undone. The recoil of that material can put an eye out or cause very serious injury to a horse or the handler who is trying to release it.

There are many ways to tie a horse and we do it every day and it's a miracle that we and our horses survive it. Keep the height of the tie rope above the horse's withers if possible.

My safety suggestion: Train your horse to accept being confined by a rope and learn how to tie knots which can be quickly released.

4676 Muckleratz 25 CTR				7/29/2017	
		Stat 22		Finish 22	
GC	2907	Lindsey Cooke	8579	Sociar SB	
RC		Adrienne McLissac	8837	Magnico	
1	1520	Ann Kuest	8539	Royal Account MKP	
1	11918	Brooke Toth	9139	Sazaar	
1	951	Cindy Young	4120	Amir Galizon	
4	2780	Dodie Sable	9198	Radiant Roulette	
4	2286	April Dobson	9053	Coal Miners Brave Heart	
6	2956	Kristen Taylor	9213	SWS Dueces are Wild	
7	11805	Susie Benson	8902	UTS Shooting Star	
8	2431	Georgia Obrien	8620	Coal Miners Star	
8	2043	Nancy Kain	9225	Awesome Mischeif	
10	2961	Alan Taylor	8742	Werszen	
11	11389	Kat Procyk	8876	Secret Service	
12	1732	John Stacy	9189	Buck	
14	11964	Jesseanne Norton	9262	The Almighty Zeus	
15	2773	Jessican Duvall	8347	Solomons song BCA	
16	2723	Rebecca Supinger	pending	Gold Nugget	
DNF	11959	Elizabeth Farina	Sheez a Dazee		
J1	11977	E. Dimoff	8232	Rexridge Silver Possum	
J2	11943	Meghan Wert	919	cowgirl Jesse	

4678 Muckleratz 12.5 CDR				7/29/2017	
		Start 7		Finish 7	
comp	2777	Cate Peolquin	8745	Khans Hartbreaker	
comp	11899	Debra Yelovich	8837	LCS Q Ton Ace	
comp	11742	Susan Crawford	9269	Mila del Caribe	
comp	11979	Molly Tubbs	9277	Johnnie Walker	
comp	2912	Debbie Camplone	5625	CAL shining Star	
comp	420	Cathy Lochary	8728	Derwand Willie Nelson	

4679 Muckleratz 25 CTR				7/30/2017	
		Start 18		Finish 17	
GC	11990	Jessica Jay	9191	Amyla moxie	
RC	2907	Lindsey Cooke	8579	Sociar SB	
1	2286	April Dobson	9053	Coal Miners Brave Heart	
1	11918	Brooke Toth	9139	Sazaar	
3	11805	Susie Benson	8902	UTS Shooting Star	
3	677	Patty Lambert	8867	Remi	
5	2043	Nancy Kain	9225	Awesome Mischeif	
6	11836	Heidi Douts	N/A	Jasmine	
7	11897	Randy Aument	9083	Cali	
8	11903	Grace Change	8837	Magnico	
10	951	Cindy Young	4120	Amir Galizon	
12	1732	John Stacy	9189	Buck	
J1	11977	E. Dimoff	8232	Rexridge Silver Possum	
J2	11906	Hailey Walker	5750	Kid	
J3		Leila Carson	9224	Pull a Trigger	

4680 Muckleratz 12.5 CDR				7/30/2017	
		Stat 8		Finish 17	
comp	2431	Georgia Obrien	8620	Coal Miners Star	
comp	2777	Cate Peolquin	8745	Khans Hartbreaker	
comp	420	Cathy Lochary	8728	Derwand Willie Nelson	
comp	11899	Debra Yelovich	8837	LCS Q Ton Ace	
comp	2851	Cheryl Miller	9280	Merlin	
comp	11742	Susan Crawford	9269	Mila del Caribe	
comp	2912	Debbie Camplone	5625	CAL shining Star	

4677 Muckleratz 50 CDR				7/29-30/2017	
		Stat 13		Finish 10	
Grand	11771	Nina Dimoff	8981	Westwind Eldorado	
Res	11730	LeeAnne Einsel	8746	RH Jakkir Ahnass	
1	11864	BethSheldon	9009	Sucesorio de Herencia	
2	2850	Renee Fisher	9036	Joyful Adoration OLA	
3	2863	A Maas	9230	Saquette	
4	11854	Alex Johnson	8454	Paraklesis	
5	2325	Esther Fiddes	5559	Quietude McKenzie	
6	11369	R Maas	9024	Saqui	
7	11831	Cindy Gift	8944	Bailey irish Cream	
8	2774	Jim Fiddes	4669	LBF Hickory Smoke	
DNF	2925	Cat Carter	5611	Spurofhtemoment	
DNF	pending	Tia McGlaughin	9194	GJR Venus	
DNF	1591	Rowena Nelson	8949	Steeln My Hartss	

4675 Vermont Moonlight 100 End 7/15/2017			
		Start 21	Finish 16
2	11550	Bryna Stevenson	TEF Lunar Eclipse
3	2682	Wendy M Mancini	9026 Sterling
4	11919	Spencer McCleery	8563 Sammy
8	2947	Jeffrey Gardener	8855 Arc de Triomphe
9	11829	Sydney Meeker	5696 Hermione Granger
15	2705	Rachel Lodder	2705 El Dakaragorn Bey
15	11729	Shelley Rahe	8975 icewinds shadow
NF	239	Steve Rojek	8361 Chi
NF	1479	Deb Fisk	5290 DB Prophet

4674 Vermont Moonlight 75 End 7/15/2017			
		Start 12	Finish 12
2	153	Heather Hoyns	Marchesa Garbo
3	842	Donna Smith Curtin	5487 Syrocco Gabriel
6	11425	Mary Palumbo	8774 Morning Mist Angel
8	119900	Evelyn Baig	GJR Miss Amadeus
8	119901	Jeffrey Baig	Denise BF
8	1591	Rowena Nelson	8949 Steeln My Hartss
11	2518	Suzette Fegan	5323 SB Socrates
11	11473	Carrie Tenney	8743 RFR Rain Buoy

4673 Vermont Moonlight 50 End 7/15/2017			
		Start 32	Finish 26
1	11822	Hanna Weightman	Syrocco Rabia
5	2871	Meghan Delp	9027 Full of Fi Your
6	2408	Mindy Vienneau	8772 Mivette
7	11616	Hayley Abbott	LL April Mist
7	2862	Melissa Abbott	AM Honorable Isabella
7	11944	Chelsea Bouchard	Roxy
11	1586	R. Batchelder	8948 Steel Piece One Nigt Only
11	2930	A. Stazick	8976 Queens Sweet Baby james
17	2863	Andrea Bishop	Maas 8781 Ewojsko "Sko"
17	11369	Rhyne Maas	9024 Saqui
20	2212	Ruth Ferland	8894 Feather
20	11608	Olivia Turney	8895 Oson
NF	1507	Melody Blittersdorf	Traction
NF	11759	Sierra Ellis	8358 Zambizy's Red
Comet (Ziggy)			
NF	11813	Alice Root	9250 Dakotas Traveler
NF	11491	Melissa Lenter	8872 French Fyr(e)
NF	2740	Lisa Delp	9154 Catch Me Ridin Dirty

2017 ECTRA Sanctioned Events (as of 04/20/17)

Wanda Stazick, Sanctioning, Phone (860)447-3976, wstazick@sbcglobal.net

State/Date/Mileage/Ride Name/Contact Info (PF = Pass/Fail Offered)

Latest Updates are highlighted in **YELLOW!**

Limited Distance CTR: (1 day, 25 - 40mi)

VT	9/1	40	GMHA PF	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
VT	9/2	35	GMHA PF	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
VT	9/3	25	GMHA PF	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
VT	9/16	25	VERDA Silver Hill PF	Spencer McCleery 309-333-9945	spenceyd92@gmail.com
MD	9/22	25	Chesapeake Fall PF	Cate Peloquin 410-652-3454	cpenguin57@aol.com
MD	9/23	30	Chesapeake Fall PF	Cate Peloquin 410-652-3454	cpenguin57@aol.com
VT	9/30	30	Warren Tessier Memorial	Connie Walker 603-491-4258	cwalker310@comcast.net
ME	10/8	25	Horses Across Maine	Wanda Clowater, 201-858-3180	wclowater@clowaterart.com
ME	10/9	25	Horses Across Maine	Wanda Clowater, 201-858-3180	wclowater@clowaterart.com
PA	10/14	30	Seven Mountain	30 Jess Herrmann 814-404-1123	contemplatedrisk@gmail.com
NJ	10/28	25	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ	10/29	25	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
VT	11/4	30	Kedron Fall Foliage PF	Jenny Kimberly 802-674-5384	jennykimberly@comcast.net

Middle Distance CTR: (2 days, 40 – 75mi)

VT	VT	9/1-2	75	GMHA PF	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
VT		9/2-3	60	GMHA PF	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
MD		9/23-24	50	Chesapeake Fall PF	Cate Peloquin 410-652-3454	cpenguin57@aol.com
ME		10/8-10/9	50	Horses Across Maine	Wanda Clowater, 201-858-3180	wclowater@clowaterart.com
NJ		10/28-29	50	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com

Extended Distance CTR: (3 days, 80 – 100mi)

VT	9/1-3	100	GMHA PF	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
MD	9/22 – 24	80	Chesapeake Fall PF	Cate Peloquin 410-652-3454	cpenguin57@aol.com
MD	9/22-24	100	Chesapeake Fall PF	Cate Peloquin 410-652-3454	cpenguin57@aol.com
ME	10/7-10/9	80	Horses Across Maine	Wanda Clowater, 201-858-3180	wclowater@clowaterart.com PAGE 4

Drives CTR: (1 – 3 days, 25 - 100mi)

VT	10/28	25	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ	10/29	25	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ	10/28 – 10/29	50	Jersey Devil PF	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
VT	11/4	30	Kedron Fall Foliage PF	Jenny Kimberly 802-674-5384	jennykimberly@comcast.net

CTR Clinic

ME 9/17 5 ECTRA Judges/Riders Clinic Louise Lester, 207-894-8185 louise1@maine.rr.com

Conditioning Distance Rides & Drives (R&D) means both Ride & Drives

VT	9/2	15	GMHA PF	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
MD	9/22	10	Chesapeake Fall PF	Cate Peloquin 410-652-3454	cpenguin57@aol.com
MD	9/23	10	Chesapeake Fall PF	Cate Peloquin 410-652-3454	cpenguin57@aol.com
MD	9/23	15	Chesapeake Fall PF	Cate Peloquin, 410-652-3454	cpenguin57@aol.com
MD	9/24	10	Chesapeake Fall PF	Cate Peloquin, 410-652-3454	cpenguin57@aol.com
VT	9/30	15	Warren Tessier Memorial	Connie Walker 603-491-4258	cwalker310@comcast.net
PA	10/14	17	Seven Mountain	30 Jess Herrmann 814-404-1123	contemplatedrisk@gmail.com
NJ	10/28	10	Jersey Devil PF (R&D)	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com

Conditioning Distance Rides and Drives Cont'd

NJ	10/28	15	Jersey Devil PF (R&D)	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ	10/29	10	Jersey Devil PF (R&D)	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
NJ	10/29	15	Jersey Devil PF (R&D)	Rebecca Wachtel 215-766-0696	rebeccawachtel370@gmail.com
VT	11/4	15	Kedron Fall Foliage PF(R&D)	Jenny Kimberly 802-674-5384	jennykimberly@comcast.net

Endurance (1-3 days, 50 – 100mi) – co-sanctioned by AERC

NY.	9/9	50.	Hector Half Hundred	Eva Norris 607-693-4024,	EVA83919@aol.com
NJ	10/7	75.	Mustang Memorial	Eileen Mullen 856-701-6742	eileenjmullen@gmail.com
NJ.	10/7	50	Mustang Memorial	Eileen Mullen 856-701-6742	eileenjmullen@gmail.com
VT.	10/14.	50.	GMHA Fall	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
VA.	10/20	50.	Fort Valley I	Claire Godwin, DVM 240-687-1450	crgdvm@aol.com
VA.	10/21	50.	Fort Valley II	Claire Godwin, DVM 240-687-1450	crgdvm@aol.com
MA	10/29.	50	Plymouth Rock N'End.	Lucha Malato 201-970-6888	lmalato@hudsonreporter.com .

Endurance Intro Ride (1 day, less than 25 miles) – co-sanctioned by AERC

NY	9/9	15	Hector Half Hundred	Eva Norris 607-693-1725,	EVA8391@aol.com
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Limited Distance Endurance (1 day, 25 – 35mi) – co-sanctioned by AERC

NY.	9/9	30.	Hector Half Hundred.	Eva Norris 607-693-4024,	EVA83919@aol.com
NJ.	10/7	30.	Mustang Memorial.	Eileen Mullen 856-701-6742	eileenjmullen@gmail.com
VT.	10/14	30.	GMHA Fall	Chelle Grald, 802-457-1509	michelle@gmhainc.org
VA.	10/20	30.	Fort Valley I	Claire Godwin, DVM 240-687-1450	crgdvm@aol.com
VA	10/21	30.	Fort Valley II	Claire Godwin, DVM 240-687-1450	crgdvm@aol.com
MA	10/29.	30.	Plymouth Rock N'End.	Lucha Malato 201-970-6888	lmalato@hudsonreporter.com .

Jeannette Cole, our acting Secretary, wrote a very positive review of her recent vacation at Langwood Farm.

“ I think many ECTRA members know Joan. Her farm is beautiful and the trails are perfect for conditioning. We will return for another stay. LANGWOOD FARM is a 200-acre working horse farm in Langdon, New Hampshire. My daughter and I spent July 1-3, 2017 at this farm. There is a very nice apartment to rent or you can bring your horse trailer and camp. There are various arrangements for horse accommodations depending on your desire (outside paddocks with run in sheds, stalls with attached paddocks or fenced pasture). We chose the roomy stalls with the attached paddocks. Fresh shavings awaited our horses and delicious all-they-could-eat hay was included in their stay. We had intended on trail riding all three days, but because of severe thunder storm warnings on our day of arrival we opted to ride in the beautiful 70'x140' indoor arena on our first day. The following day, owner Joan Stratemeyer, gave us excellent directions and we enjoyed a 16-mile woods and quiet dirt road ride. I can only imagine this ride in the fall, as the views were quite breathtaking. We did take one wrong turn, but a friendly homeowner who was washing their house windows helped get us back on track. The final day, we decided to utilize the indoor again and played with our horses on the ground. I think we all enjoyed being able to stretch our muscles! There is a lovely flock of chickens that entertained us each morning and provided us with several fresh eggs during our stay. We are looking forward to a return visit when the trails are a bit drier and we can explore more of the woods around this beautiful farm. More information and pictures can be found at langwoodfarms.com.”

If you have vacationed at other horse-oriented inns or facilities, let us know! Places that offer accommodations for both you and your equine companions, whether as a vacation destination or a stop-over on a longer trip, are always good to know about.

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