



2015 AERC Convention

March 6 & 7, 2015

Grand Sierra Resort • Reno, Nevada

2500 E 2nd St., Reno, NV 89502

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Convention Overview

Trade Show. Vendors from across the country will display and sell their products. You will find all the latest and greatest innovations for endurance riders and trail riders! Don't miss the fabulous bargains and great variety, all at the Grand Sierra Resort. This year's trade show will be on the Casino Level.

Speaker Seminars. Hear leading experts in equine health care, endurance riding, and endurance-related fields. Bold listings on the schedule indicate seminar speakers; topics and biographical sketches of the speakers are found on the next page. Sign up for the seminars on the registration form on the last page. Sign up by 2/20/15 for the lowest pricing.

Hot Topics Workshops. John Parke will lead two early-morning open forums. Bring your concerns and be prepared for thought-provoking discussions. (See below for more information.)

National Awards Banquet. AERC's top riders and equines for the 2014 season will be honored at Saturday's banquet. Also recognized will be the Hall of Fame and Pard'ners Award recipients, and equines who have reached 5,000+ endurance miles. Don't miss this special evening.

Regional Awards. Winners of regional mileage, points, and best condition awards for endurance and limited distance will be celebrated and acknowledged at a ceremony/reception on Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Friday Night Dance. Come mingle and dance at this always-fun evening of music, dancing and celebration (\$10).

Raffle. The popular AERC raffle drawings take place during trade show hours (tickets: \$1 each). Most vendors make donations to the raffle, and numerous ride managers from all regions will be donating ride entries. If you have a items you'd like to donate to the raffle, bring them by the raffle booth at the start of the convention. Raffle benefits AERC.

Tack Swap. Bring your surplus tack and riding-related items to sell - our tack swappers will take care of all the details. Ten percent of the purchase price is a donation to AERC. Don't miss this busy booth!

General Session. This open forum meeting, held Saturday at 11:00 a.m., offers members an opportunity to speak directly with AERC board members. Come and express your views on the direction of the organization and the sport of endurance riding. Election of officers by the AERC board of directors will also take place during this session.

Committee Meetings. Most AERC committees meet during convention. Meeting times will be posted at the convention.

HOT TOPICS SESSIONS

Share your thoughts and ideas at these popular free sessions, moderated by John Parke

Friday, March 6 • 7:30-8:45 a.m.

~~Cooking Up an AERC Ride: Should We
Change the Recipe?~~

New!

**How Should AERC Respond
to Horse Welfare Issues in
International Riding?**

Saturday, March 7 • 7:30-8:30 a.m.

**Fishing for Members: Casting the Net
Without Tossing 'em Back**

AERC membership has been declining and AERC members are getting older. Our organization needs to grow to stay healthy. We need new members. Equally important, we need to do a better job of keeping members. With thanks to Patti Stedman for the name of this topic (and her own prodigious efforts to generate interest in our sport), we will discuss how to attract new riders and how to keep them coming back.

2015 AERC Convention Speakers

Friday, March 6, 2015

Protecting Trail Access and Planning for Future Access

Jan Hancock

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Nationally known trails expert Jan Hancock will share information vital to all endurance riders and ride managers. How can you ride if you don't have trail access? Here are concrete suggestions for keeping your trails open now and in the future. Jan is the author of the U.S. Department of Transportation's "Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads, and Campgrounds" and is the equestrian representative on the American Trails National Advisory Board.

100 Mile Survey Analysis

Hal Schott, DVM, PhD, Dipl ACVIM

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

AERC's ongoing study of 100-mile rides is investigating possible factors in failure to finish. More than 400 rider questionnaires have been completed, and this seminar will give an overview on findings to date. Dr. Schott is Michigan State University's College of Veterinary Medicine professor in the large animal clinical sciences department. His research focuses on fluid and electrolyte physiology, especially with prolonged endurance exercise.

Gastric Ulcers in the Endurance Horse

K. Gary Magdesian, DVM, DACVIM, DACVECC, DACVCP

1:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Keep up to date with the latest information on gastric ulcers, and steps you can take to protect your horse from this condition. K. Gary Magdesian, DVM, is a professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine. He holds three board certifications, plus certification in veterinary acupuncture. He was named 2011 Equine Educator of the Year by the International Society of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care (ISVECC).

Body Condition Scoring & Other Current Topics

Susan Garlinghouse, MS, DVM

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Beginning in 2015, the BCS is part of every veterinary check-in at AERC rides. Find out more about this measurement—what it means both for you and for the sport as a whole. You'll learn to recognize a horse's score and the physiological implications of that score. Dr. Garlinghouse is a longtime endurance rider, an AERC committee member, and a ride control judge. She lives in Southern California and is a self-employed veterinarian.

Got Questions? Open Forum

Susan Garlinghouse, MS, DVM

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

Join Dr. Susan Garlinghouse for an open mic forum on commonly asked questions in endurance horse nutrition and physiology. Every rider, from beginner through advanced, is invited to bring everything from basic questions that haven't been answered elsewhere to their stickiest, trickiest questions for Dr. Garlinghouse, a veterinarian and rider and leader of many AERC education clinics. Sure to be educational for every attendee.

Saturday, March 7, 2015

Back Issues in the Endurance Horse

Kenneth Marcella, DVM

8:45 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Dr. Marcella will be taking an in-depth look at the structure and function of the equine back. We still do not know as much about this anatomical area as we do other parts of the horse because of its size and relative difficulty to approach diagnostically. You will learn new information that can be applied to diagnosing and treating performance issues of the equine back. Board-certified in Veterinary Thermography, Dr. Marcella, of Canton, Georgia, teaches equine thermography courses.

Longevity: Keep Your Horse Going for Years

Karen Chaton

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

If your goal is to have a horse that gets through the rides in good shape and doesn't require time off for injuries, or incur expensive vet bills, you'll want to learn from a rider with 36,000+ miles on multiple high-mileage and Decade Team horses. Only about 4% of all endurance horses have achieved 3,000 miles, and 0.5% have reached 5,000 miles. Come find out what you can do to manage and maintain your own horse for the long-term. Karen hosts a monthly endurance radio show on Horse Radio Network. Her horse Chief was AERC's 2013 Hall of Fame horse. Chief currently has 14,275 miles; Bo has 8,000. Karen and her horses have won numerous regional and national AERC, AHA and XP awards.

Nutrition for the Endurance Horse

Martin W. Adams, PhD, PAS

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Learn how to determine digestible energy requirements of your horse based on maintenance, body weight of horse and rider, and speed and duration of the ride. Selection of fuel sources for the endurance horse based on energy partition and fatigue prevention will be discussed. The importance of hay quality and practical feeding examples will be presented. Dr. Adams is the equine nutritionist for Southern States Cooperative, manufacturers of Triple Crown, Legends and Southern States feeds.

The Ins and Outs of Garnering a Best Condition

Becky Grand Hart

4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Best condition is the ultimate award at an endurance ride, combining a top ten finish, excellent horsemanship, and a horse in top condition. Here's how you can increase your equine's chances of earning best condition at your upcoming rides. Becky, a three-time endurance World Champion and winner of major competitions in the United States, including the Race of Champions and the Tevis Cup, and her horse R.O. Grand Sultan+/ (Rio) are both in AERC's Hall of Fame. Becky is also a Level Three Centered Riding® Instructor.

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AERC General Session

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2015 AERC Convention Schedule

Please check hotel reader boards for last-minute changes.

Seminars requiring tickets are listed in bold. See wristband information below.

Thursday, March 5

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| 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m..... | Veterinary CE | Nevada 8-9 |
| 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m..... | Early Registration | Nevada Room |
| 6:00 p.m..... | AERC Board of Directors Dinner, with Meeting to follow | Nevada 1-2 |

Friday, March 6

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| 7:00 a.m..... | AERC Registration Desk Open | Nevada Room |
| 7:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.. | Hot Topics I: AERC & International Horse Welfare Issues, led by John Parke | Nevada Room |
| 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m..... | Veterinary CE | Nevada 8-9 |
| 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m..... | Trade Show Open | Nevada Room |
| 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m..... | Jan Hancock: Protecting Trail Access & Planning for Future Access | Nevada Room |
| 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m..... | Dr. Hal Schott: 100 Mile Survey Analysis | Nevada Room |
| 1:00 p.m.-2:15 p.m..... | Dr. Gary Magdesian: Gastric Ulcers in the Endurance Horse | Nevada Room |
| 2:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m... | Dr. Susan Garlinghouse: Body Condition Scoring & Other Current Topics | Nevada Room |
| 4:00 p.m.-5:15 p.m..... | Dr. Susan Garlinghouse: Got Questions? Open Forum | Nevada Room |
| 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m..... | Cocktail Reception, hosted by Western States Trail Foundation | Silver State Pavillion |
| 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m..... | Regional Awards Ceremony & Reception | Crystal Ballroom |
| 8:00 p.m.-Midnight | Friday Night Dance (\$10) | Crystal Ballroom |

Saturday, March 7

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| 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m..... | Hot Topics II: Fishing for Members, led by John Parke | Nevada Room |
| 7:30 a.m..... | AERC Registration Desk Open | Nevada Room |
| 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m..... | Trade Show Open | Nevada Room |
| 8:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m..... | Dr. Ken Marcella: Back Issues in the Endurance Horse | Nevada Room |
| 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m..... | General Session | Nevada Room |
| 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m..... | Karen Chaton: Longevity: Keep Your Horse Going for Years | Nevada Room |
| 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m..... | Dr. Martin Adams: Nutrition for the Endurance Horse | Nevada Room |
| 4:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m..... | Becky Grand Hart: The Ins & Outs of Garnering a Best Condition | Nevada Room |
| 6:30 p.m.-10:00 p.m..... | AERC National Awards Banquet (\$40) | Crystal Ballroom |



REMEMBER TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS AN HOUR AHEAD!!!



Sunday, March 8

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| 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m..... | AERC Board of Directors Breakfast; Meeting to Follow | Nevada 8-9-10 |
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All are invited to attend the Board of Directors Meetings on Thursday evening and Sunday morning

AERC Tack Swap: Nevada Foyer • Committee Meetings (most): Nevada 2



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Registration Packet Pick-Up:

Thursday evening 4:00-7:00 p.m. & Friday and Saturday from 7:00 a.m. at the AERC Registration Desk in the Nevada Room

1. Registration Information

Name _____ AERC # _____ Region _____ Phone _____

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2. Registration Fees

Speaker Seminars - FRIDAY

| Quantity | Fee | Amount |
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| Single () | \$45 (\$55 for on-site registration) | \$ _____ |
| Additional Family Members () | \$25 each (\$35 for on-site registration) | \$ _____ |

Speaker Seminars - SATURDAY

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| Single () | \$45 (\$55 for on-site registration) | \$ _____ |
| Additional Family Members () | \$25 each (\$35 for on-site registration) | \$ _____ |

Other Activities

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| National Awards Banquet () | \$40 per person (\$20 children under 12) | \$ _____ |
| AERC Raffle Tickets () | \$1 each | \$ _____ |
| Friday Night Dance () | \$10 per person | \$ _____ |
| Other: _____ | | \$ _____ |

TOTAL \$ _____

3. Method of Payment

Check (check # _____) VISA Mastercard

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature (as it appears on your credit card) _____